



# The FitzHerbert C of E (VA) Primary School

*Learning as a Family, Growing as a School*

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Dear Parents

Thank you for all of the donations brought in for our Children in Need appeal. We have collected a fantastic £50.50 so far with more donations to come in - thank you for your support.

I hope you are all managing to keep warm as you read this - as beautiful as the Derbyshire countryside looked this morning covered in frost, winter is definitely on it's way! It's timely that I remind you to bring in hats, scarves and gloves for the children (and make sure they are named please!)

We have spent a lovely 2 afternoons this week planting some trees and hedge plants which we have received for free from the Woodland Trust. We hope to grow a hedge alongside the green mesh fencing down the side of the school playing field, although the frost overnight may have put paid to our ideas! Many thanks to Mrs Clark for helping the children and I to plant, and thank you to another Mrs Clark (Dilly's mum!) from Tanglewood for her expert advice too! We look forward to seeing our plants start to grow (and are praying that they will!)

## Speaking Competition Results

A belated but still huge well done to every child for taking part in our Annual Speaking Competition last week. This is an age old tradition, organised each year by one of our Governors, Mrs Hughes. Not only did each child stand up and recite some poetry, a rhyme or a story but they did so in front of the whole school, staff and Mrs Hughes and her judging friends. We are so proud of the effort that everyone went to and that everyone had a go. Our winners were:

- Key Stage 1 - Jack Julian (Year 2)
- Years 3 & 4 - Lily Bull
- Years 5 & 6 - Alistair de Sousa

Well done to the winners! Our thanks go again to Mrs Hughes and her friends who came along to judge.

## British Heart Foundation Sponsored Swim - Tomorrow

Thank you to all of the children and parents who have pledged to take part in the BHF Sponsored Swim tomorrow which is being held at the Arc Leisure Centre in Matlock. Participants can swim any time from 5.00-7.00pm, just turn up at the Arc with your completed entry form. Sponsor money needs to be either sent directly to the Ashbourne branch or you can bring it into school along with your sponsor forms and we will send it all off together. Good luck to everyone taking part!

## Christmas Songs around the Christmas Tree - Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November

Just a reminder that we will be taking part in the Lights Switch on event in Ashbourne next Saturday. Those children who have said they want to take part have been rehearsing in school with Ms Miller and also have lyric books to practise at home with too! Please can all children wear school uniform and gather outside FatFace on the Market Place in Ashbourne at 2pm ready to sing from 2.15pm - 2.45pm.

## Christmas Quiz Night for Grown-Ups - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7.00pm

Tickets are on sale and team numbers are growing! Tickets are £5 each and include a hot turkey bap/veggie alternative and mince pies. Drinks will be available on the night for a donation and we are also having a raffle. Teams can have up to 4 members but please don't worry if you haven't got a full team, we can join you up with others! All proceeds are going towards the Kilimanjaro trek - please join us for a guaranteed great evening!

## Bag2School Collection

Just a reminder that we are taking in any bags of clothing etc for our Bags2School fundraiser for Kilimanjaro. Mrs Fentem's house isn't quite full up yet so please keep on bringing in any donations between now and next Friday, 24<sup>th</sup>. Spare bags are available in the office.

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Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes

Annette Froggatt