

The response of everybody in the school to the bricks for **Haiti appeal** has been magnificent and overall we have raised 567 € for this very worthy cause. This is a truly wonderful total and one that has made us all here so proud we have decided that the school will enhance it further and will convert the euro total raised into pounds, so we shall be donating £567 next week. I would like to express my sincere thanks to everyone who participated. The houses that we have ‘built’ so far have been spreading round both the Infant and Junior school buildings entrance all week and now make a very inspiring sight.

Next Friday is our **100<sup>th</sup> day** of this academic year and in school we shall be marking the event throughout next week as we count up towards it.

As well as inviting contributions for next week’s **Valentine’s Day Cake sale** (parents are invited to contribute cakes or biscuits) on Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> the PTA would like to know if there is anyone who can spare some time during the morning to help out supervising the selling of the cakes to the children. The children should bring in 1 or 2 € on that day with which to buy the cakes or pieces of cake. All proceeds will be going to the Banunule School for orphans in Uganda which we have supported in the past (see <http://www.banunuleschool.org> for more information)

Next Tuesday evening sees the **next PTA meeting**. This will be in the Infant department at 19.30 when we will be discussing the upcoming cake sale and the children’s Talent show in March.

Please note that the **parents evening on March 4<sup>th</sup>** is for parents from Reception to Year 6 only as the Nursery parents evening take place in the summer term to enable a more complete feedback at that time. This will be on the afternoon of Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June for most Nursery parents with the following Wednesday also available for any Nursery parents not able to make the earlier date. Appointment times will be circulated next week but if you have any specific preferences then please send an e-mail into the school office.

The **Rippledawn House briefing evening** for parents of children in our Year 4, 5 and 6 classes will be on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February at 18.00 in the Junior department.

The next book being read by our **Book Club** is going to be “The Catcher in the Rye by JD Salinger (who died last week at the age of 91). This is widely described as one of the best books written in English in the 20<sup>th</sup> century and is one that a lot of people may have heard of, but never read. Well now is your chance! This book will be reviewed on Wednesday May 5<sup>th</sup> as the first Wednesday in March is too close to obtain and circulate copies of the book to everyone. If you would like to order your copy of the book just send in an e-mail to the school office.

The **mid-year school reports** will be issued on Friday February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Don't forget that Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March (the Friday of Book Week) will be a **dressing up day** for the children in school and the theme that they should follow is any fictional character or character from any other type of book.

BISB will once again be participating in the **charity Swimathon 'Splash 2010'** on Sunday March 21<sup>st</sup>. More information is available via <http://www.lionsheraldic.net/Splash.htm> and in next week's BISB newsletter

The date for this year's **BISB talent show** has also been confirmed and that will be on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March. If you want to help out with the organisation of this year's show then please send an e-mail into the school office.

This week's star pupils of the week were

Reception Josephine for making a super effort in blending sounds and reading this week.

Year 1 Lina for always working hard with a smile on her face!

Year 2 Ananya for working quickly and being helpful

Year 3 Nathan for working well throughout the week

Year 4 Zain for being such a polite boy and having a really good week in everything

Year 5 Zia for trying hard in maths

Year 6 Cecilia for receiving an academic scholarship from Sevenoaks School and to Claire for passing the Sevenoaks School entrance exams at such a high level.

And finally this week's thought for the week is

"One thing you will probably remember well is any time you forgive and forget".

- Franklin P. Jones