

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

A sincere thank you to everyone who made our harvest festival such a massive success. Thanks to your generous contributions we filled a record number of carrier bags with tins and packets of food. Once again we were proud to support the Roundabout charity who work with over 150 homeless teenagers in Sheffield.



Your kind donations will be used to stock the kitchen at the hostel as well as being made into 'starter' packages for the very needy young people moving into their first homes.



## UNIFORM

As some of you may know we had significant issues with one of our uniform suppliers over the summer. We have now ended our relationship with this supplier. However, to ensure parents have a choice we are in the process of setting up with another supplier who can offer a more "premium" product.



This should be up and running shortly and prices will be lower than the previous supplier with a product we believe will be equal, if not better, in quality. Samples will be available in the school office soon.

Could parents/carers also please note that from January all orders for uniform will need to be done online via our webshop at [www.ballifield.co.uk](http://www.ballifield.co.uk).

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER...

I would just like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all the parents, children and staff at Ballifield Primary School for making my first half-term as Headteacher a positive one. I have been made to feel so welcome and I have been overwhelmed by the kind words of support and encouragement that I have received. I am fortunate to have a fantastic team around me to ensure that your children continue to succeed.

It has been a busy half-term which has included lots of wonderful experiences for parents & children including:

- ◆ Parents evenings
- ◆ A family learning course
- ◆ Nursery coffee morning & afternoon
- ◆ A Dinosaur Egg hunt in Reception
- ◆ Y1 Teddy bears picnic
- ◆ Y2 multi-sports at Hands-worth Grange
- ◆ Y3 violin lessons
- ◆ Y4 rainforest debate
- ◆ Y5 Haka war dance
- ◆ Y6 residential to Condoover Hall
- ◆ Active challenge
- ◆ Sports tournaments
- ◆ Usborne reading challenge
- ◆ Halloween discos



I wish you all a restful half-term holiday!

*Amanda Smith*

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

We are pleased to announce that our annual Christmas Fayre this year will be held on **Saturday 2nd December** between 1pm and 3pm. Please remember that the PTA bag drop is on Wednesday 15th November.

## READING SUPERHEROES FLYING INTO BALLIFIELD NEXT HALF-TERM!

This year we will be developing reading at school with a key focus on improving children's comprehension skills. As part of this work we will be introducing some reading Superhero characters that will support the children to develop their comprehension skills.

To launch this exciting new initiative we will be having a **Superhero Day on Friday 24th November**. We would like all of the children to come to school dressed as a superhero. Costumes do not have to be purchased—children can make their own cloak and mask. During next half-term there will be the following events taking place that you will receive further information about:

- Reading workshops
- Reading volunteers training
- Book swaps

We would also like your child to bring into school 'a selfie with their shelfie' (a photograph of them in front of a book shelf at home) to celebrate the love of reading.



**Please remember that Monday 6th November is a staff training day and that children return to school on Tuesday 7th November. Children In Need day is Friday 17th November where children will be able to wear something spotty for 'The Big Spotacular'.**

