



Taunton Learning Partnership

# TRINITY C of E VA PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Newsletter 5



Dear Parents,

Please note that there is a lot of illness amongst the school population. For two days this week we have had 50 children absent. This seems a mixture of possible and confirmed swine flu, bad colds and a stomach bug.

18<sup>th</sup> November 2009

### CHILDREN IN NEED

For this year's children in need we are encouraging the children to bring in a favourite bear, perhaps dressed like Pudsey, for a donation to the children in need charity. We will have a large outline of Pudsey that we hope to fill with coins.

### ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

We started the anti-bullying week with an assembly on the theme. We talked to the children about what bullying is and the difference between bullying and just falling out with someone.

In class the children are looking at this with some classes having put up displays to emphasise the theme and look at how to help people.

We gave the children the bands that the Taunton Learning Partnership (TLP) supplied for each child. I have photocopied the charter that has been put together by children from the TLP schools. Our representatives were Jack Morse and Olivia Vile. You will find a copy on the back of this newsletter. There are copies of this charter in each class and around the school.

The TLP have adopted the following definition of bullying which is below:

SCYPP and Children and Young People's definition of bullying:

*A physical, psychological, or verbal attack on a person or group of people, by a person or a group, causing harm to the victim.*

*The bully is usually aware of the harm they are causing and often repeats their actions. However, even one incident of bullying can cause significant hurt, particularly in cases such as minority bullying, where the same victim can experience similar hurtful behaviour from different people.*

*The intention of a bully is to make them feel big by making others feel small.*

*Bullies often focus on differences in people such as race, gender, sexuality, disability and age.*

*Bullying can take a number of forms:*

- *Name calling and taunting*
- *Offensive or threatening comments or gestures*
- *Excluding people from groups*
- *Spreading hurtful and untruthful rumours*
- *Taking and or hiding belongings*
- *Physical attacks*
- *Cyber bullying: text messages, social networking and email.*

There was a news item on the local television news on Monday and there will be other references in the media during the week.

### SAMBA Band

Despite the rain the Samba band played outside the Perfect 5<sup>th</sup> on Saturday morning. They ended up playing twice which was good for them.

Yesterday at the Taunton and Somerset Music and Dram Festival the band came joint first with a distinction.

At both of these events they were received very well and left a very positive impression on a range of people including some very experienced musicians.

### SPORT

We have three tournaments this week. On Monday the Boys played in a football tournament. Today there is a tag rugby tournament and tomorrow (Thursday) is an athletics meet.

### Photographs

This is taking place on Friday morning of this week. You should have had details about times etc.

Yours faithfully,

Mr N. Bright