

21st October 2011

Dear Parents,

Re: Year 3 Community Project

The children of Year 3 have now all begun working on our new Community Project for the Autumn Term.

This is a cross curricular project, enabling the children to employ, develop and share skills learnt in Maths, English, Science and other curriculum areas, such as Art and Design & Technology in this instance. Lifelong Learning Skills – such as collaboration, flexibility, personal time management and action planning will underpin all elements of the project.

Following our initial sessions, each class is now aware of the enterprise challenge we have taken up and the target of raising money for the children's chosen charity (linked to other studies this term). Enthusiastically, the children have all carried out 'Market Research' in and around school, while two of the classes have had the opportunity to work with 'an expert' from the local community to find out more about Jewellery Design and Making. This was the area, following our first research session that the children decided we could potentially make a profit from when 'selling at the PTA Christmas Fayre'. The third class, it is planned, will meet with our 'expert' after the half term holiday.

The owner of The Bead And Button Bazaar (www.beadandbuttonbazaar.com) located at Earlswood Craft Centre on Wood Lane, Earlswood - has most kindly taken the role of a 'community expert' and has now given of his time to work with two of the classes, providing them with creative stimulus and techniques which they are now using to design their own unique pieces (such as bracelets, necklaces, key rings and charms). Brian and his wife have also generously donated resources which will enable us to begin making our pieces, whilst we approach other local business people to request donations in order to fund further purchasing.

With this in mind can we request the following:

- 1) Sponsorship/Donations – in a true enterprise spirit, can we urge any parents who are local business people to come forward to offer to consider written requests from the children for funding. We are not talking Sir Alan Sugar or ‘Dragons Den’ type amounts of investment money – we mean tens of pounds rather than hundreds (and certainly not thousands in the current economic climate). The children will be keen to offer you advertising in return for your generous contributions and encouragement! For further details – please contact me via the tear off slip below. Thank you.

- 2) Parent assistance with making – as the children begin the making phase of the project, it would be most helpful to have some extra pairs of hands to support the children. If you can spare a couple of hours, on a Monday afternoon between 1.30pm and the end of the school day (negotiable!) – again please let me know by way of the tear off slip below.

Finally (for now!) can we take this opportunity to inform you that The Bead & Button Bazaar have invited all of the children to Earlswood Craft Centre (B94 5JH) on Saturday 29th October 2011 from 6pm onwards to enjoy their Halloween Event.

Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Mrs Alison Gale
Teacher Leading The Community Project in Year 3

YEAR 3 COMMUNITY PROJECT PARENTAL RESPONSE FORM
Please return to school by Wednesday 2nd November 2011

Child's Name:.....Class:.....

(Please tick) Business Donation/Sponsorship – I am interested in becoming a Business Donor/Sponsor of the Year 3 Community project and would like further details from Mrs Gale. Please contact by..... (telephone/email/in person at the school gate?)

(Please tick) I am able to help in school on Monday afternoons and can provide you with details (Full Name, Date of Birth and Maiden Name if applicable) to comply with School Safeguarding procedures OR (Please tick) I have an up to date CRB certificate.

Parent/Guardian Name:.....Signed:.....

