

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 16th May 2008

CONGRATULATIONS to our Year 6 children who have completed their SATS this week. The children have worked really hard leading up to the SATS. I am sure they will do themselves proud!

I would also like to thank everyone who has supported the children during this week.

YEAR 3 CHILDREN

Can I remind parents that the Year 3 children are having PE twice a week. Can you please ensure your child comes to school with a full PE kit on Wednesdays and Fridays until further notice.

TRIPS

We will shortly be able to give you details of the educational visits we have arranged for the children for the summer term.

We are trying to keep the cost of the trips to a minimum but we estimate the cost of the trips to be £5.00 approximately.



CEILIDH

Can I remind parents that the Ceilidh organised by Cassie and Claire will take place tomorrow evening. I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone who has bought a ticket for the Ceilidh. I am sure you will have a fabulous time. Tickets must be purchased prior to the event as no tickets will be available to purchase on the evening.

HEAD LICE—AN UPDATE

I have been asked to let you know, following advice given on last week's Newsletter, that most GP's are not now issuing prescriptions for Head Lice Treatment.

The advice being given is to use the "wet combing method" - using conditioner and a head lice comb.

If any parents would like further advice on this method please call in and ask at the office for details.

Hopefully, if we work together, we can tackle the problem!



DOGS ON THE SCHOOL YARD

Can I take this opportunity to remind parents that it is school policy not to allow dogs on the school yard at any time.

It has been brought to my attention that a few parents have been carrying dogs onto the school premises. This is still a contravention of the school policy and I would ask for your assistance by leaving your dogs at home when coming to pick children up.

As mentioned previously, many children in school are frightened of dogs.

The school considers this to be a major Health and Safety issue.

Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.



ATTENDANCE FIGURES

This week's attendance figures are:

Reception— 92.6%, 1B— 97.9%, 2L-95.9%, 3D- 89.4%, 4O- 90.6%, 5JC—96.4%, 5KC— 99.1%, 6D— 95.0% and 6F— 99.4%

The attendance prize was won by Miss Ford's class. Our whole school attendance is 95.1% which is above our school target of 95% for the second time this term! Well done everyone!

SUN CARE

Now that the summer is in sight, and the warmer weather is hopefully with us, we need to ensure that the children are safe from the effects of the sun. Could you please ensure that your child brings a sun hat to wear during breaks and PE sessions? Make sure that you label it clearly with your child's name to avoid confusion.

When the weather is particularly hot could you please apply a high sun factor sun cream in the morning to protect your children from the effects of the sun.

Unfortunately, due to child protection issues and health and safety, staff are not allowed to apply sun cream. However, if you apply it before school it will last for the day.



Children have access to fresh drinking water throughout the school day and we are lucky to have shaded areas outside so that if the weather becomes too hot the children can seek shade.

AND FINALLY

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

PAULA BAILEY
Head Teacher

SCHOOL TRAVEL PLAN

As a result of concerns raised by some parents regarding unsafe parking in the lane outside of the school I am in the process of drawing up a school travel plan in conjunction with the Local Authority. The aim of the plan is to reduce the number of car journeys to school and to make the journey to school safer. You will be receiving a questionnaire asking for your views about the journey to school. The pupils and staff will also be asked for their views.

Please could I ask for your support in completing the questionnaires.

On a similar note, one of the parents has asked about the possibility of children cycling to school. This is something we can explore through the travel plan.

I shall keep you updated as I receive more information.