

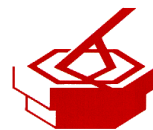


Friday 19 April 2013

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the Summer Term.....where have the Autumn and Spring terms gone? It seems but a few minutes since I was writing 'welcome back to the new academic year'. Anyway, lots to report from the final week of last term and much information to share with you.

Mr Ashton and Miss Hogan

Many congratulations to John and Lauren who both got married over the Easter holidays....not to each other. Miss Logan has returned as Mrs Ward and Mr Ashton has returned as Mr Ashton. All the very best to them for their married life.

Year 5 Greek Day



What better way to conclude their History Topic on the Ancient Greeks than dressing as them and bringing this period in history to life! Life-long learning at its very best.

Year 4 Production of Porridge

Wow! Absolutely amazing! One of the very best Year 4 performances I have EVER seen! The quality of the acting, the clarity of the singing and



the contributions made by all pupils was simply outstanding. Very well done indeed to all actors, actresses, singers and

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staff - Miss Brewer, Miss Davis and Mr Ferris you excelled yourselves.

Easter Bonnet Parade

This has become one of the most enjoyable events of the school calendar with children from KS1 creating master bonnets at home with superb support from mums, dads, grandmas and grandads. This year, in order



to accommodate the large number of parents in attendance, we ran the event once for each year group, at 9.00am and 10.00am. Such is the popularity of the event, we are thinking that we will extend this to include Nursery and Reception children next year. We will keep you posted. All pupils received a small chocolate egg for their efforts and appeared to have a fabulous time on stage. Many thanks to Mrs King for her exceptional organisation.

Netball Round-Up - a report from Mrs Benarous

The netballers have had a very busy season with two teams taking part in leagues and tournaments, including a tournament for Yr4 for the first time ever. League 1 has been tough with some very close wins, draws and losses. We are currently leading in league 2! Results will follow when all matches have been played. In both tournaments, six round robin matches were played in exceptionally challenging (cold) circumstances. In the A tournament the girls faced stiff competition and came fifth out of eight. The B's were beaten into second by 1 goal! Progress in ability and team work has been staggering this year and commitment to the game has been second to none. Thank you to Mrs Edwards for attending both

tournaments and for training the Skills Squad. Our Skills Squad came 1st, beating 17 other teams, and achieving the second fastest time ever recorded in 12 years! Thank you girls!

Nature Club

On the Tuesday before Easter, Nature Club had a visitor, Neil, from the Blue Cross, a charity which raises awareness about the care and support our pets need. Neil gave a very energetic talk about caring for dogs and how to deal with dogs you do not know. Everyone learnt a great deal and had an enjoyable time. Many thanks Mrs Clark!

Kirkland Rowell Questionnaires

Many thanks to those of you who returned these questionnaires earlier last term. They have all now been collated and returned to us in final report format. We will busy ourselves analysing the comments and share all of the information with you at the earliest opportunity.

Parking Survey

Once more I would like to offer my thanks to those of you who were able to complete this Parking Survey, particularly the residents, many of whom, I know, regularly read this newsletter. We will analyse and share the outcomes as soon as we can in the most helpful format possible.

Dogs on the Playground

Please remember that some children are frightened of dogs and for this reason they should NEVER be brought onto the school site or tied where children have to walk past them to access the school. Thank you for your support.

PTA Meeting

Just a quick reminder that we have our next PTA meeting on Monday, 7:30 at the school.

Scalextric Night

Tonight! See you here! Let the racing commence!

Have a great weekend!
GT Burgess Headteacher

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Nursery - Ted & Toby Bear's Star of the Week Awards

The Bears spent the Easter Holidays hunting for Easter Eggs in the Nursery and so were not taken home by children!

Maths Wizard

Aaron Q, 1B

Millie S-P, 1M

Writers of the Week

Alex M, 1B

Good Choice Stars of the Week

Ralph P, 1B
Oliver B, 1M
Scarlett A, 1M

Emily W 3A
Emily I 3C
Alison K, 3P

Elina B, 4D
Rebecca D, 4B
Charlie P, 4F

Grace B, 5K
Louis G, 5B
Mia E-R, 5P

Tia F, 6M
Harriet N, 6B
Kerry B, 6I

Helen Lewis Friendship Cup

Mitchell G, 1S

The Council Friendship Cup

Helena W, 4B

Diary Dates 2012- 2013

SUMMER TERM 2013

Monday 22 April	Year 6	Drayton Manor Park
Tuesday 23 April	Musicians to King Henry VIII School	
Friday 26 April	Year 4 to Tamworth Castle	09:10 RH Class Assembly Targets home to parents
Friday 3 May	09:10 RM	Class Assembly
	14:45 4D	Class Assembly
Monday 6 May	Bank Holiday Monday	
Friday 10 May	09:10 RD	Class Assembly
	14:45 4B	Class Assembly
Mon 13 - Fri 17 May	KS2 Tests	Year 5 Bikeability
Monday 20 May	Team and Class Photographs	
Tuesday 21 May	Reception & Nursery to Ash End House Children's Farm Team and Class Photographs	
Wednesday 22 May	13:45	Year 5 & 6 Sports Afternoon
Thursday 23 May	Children break up for Half Term	
Friday 24 May	INSET	
27-31 May	HALF TERM	
Monday 3 June	School returns Year 6 to Swanage until Friday 7 June	
Thursday 6 June	13:45 Yrs 3 & 4	Sports Afternoon
Tuesday 11 June	Year 4 to Dunfield House until Friday	18:00 Reception New Parents Evening
Wednesday 12 June	13:45 Yrs 1 & 2	Sports Afternoon
Friday 14 June	14:45 3C	Class Assembly
Tuesday 18 June	13:45	Nursery & Reception Sports Afternoon
Friday 21 June	14:45 4F	Class Assembly



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