

School Newsletter



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Dear Parents

Welcome back to another busy year. I am absolutely delighted to tell you that the school has been awarded a full International DCSF award, which is an accreditation scheme for curriculum-based international work in schools. We had to take part in seven international activities, throughout the year, evaluating and recording each process. It is extra special to gain this recognition in 2009 as it is the British Councils tenth anniversary for this award. It is a 'significant award' that contributes to giving the school 'a distinctive character' and is a great reward for one year's intensive work.

New Deputy Head

We are very pleased to welcome Mr. Edward Hepper as our new Deputy Head, and Marmosets class teacher. He brings a wealth of teaching and managerial experience and I know he will make a very positive addition to the excellent calibre of staff who already work here.

National Dance

I am very pleased to inform you that dance will continue in the curriculum. It will be offered on an opt out basis but I sincerely hope that all the children will participate. The cost of a terms lessons will be £25 and Ms. Hearnden will be doing a taster class this Tuesday, September 8th for all children to experience her teaching. Dance will be available for all classes, but the children from year two upwards will continue with their National awards.

Parent Ambassadors

It gives me great pleasure to welcome Marianne Corbin as the new Parent Ambassador for Marmosets. Just a reminder that the ambassadors are as follows:

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| Dolphin | Nikki Delglyn | Possums | Tania deBurnay |
| Koalas | Jo Wallace | Zebras | John & Jean Donoghue |
| Marmosets | Marianne Corbin | Rhinos | Rod & Kate King |
| Tigers | Judith & Godfrey Nelmes | | |



Holiday-care

Unfortunately, due to the present credit crunch, our holiday numbers have dropped to below a viable operation, I am therefore sorry to tell you that the October half-term two weeks care will be the last we are offering in its present format. We are hoping it might be possible for interested individual staff and or parents to put together some half-day workshops. We will keep you informed during the term of the progress.

Mini Rugby

Regrettably we are unable to offer this activity after school on Fridays as we do not have a regular coach available. We are presently actively looking for another coach and hope that we may be able to offer some holiday courses.

Young Engineers

Dr. Pilsworth is offering a new after school club on Thursday evenings from 1600-1700hrs for potential Young Engineers from classes 5 and 6. She can only have ten children at a time so if the club is over-subscribed the children will have to attend alternate weeks. Please complete the tear off slip at the bottom of this letter.

All clubs will commence week starting 7 September 2009

Golf

Once again this year children from years 5 and 6 have the opportunity to participate in Golf lessons, . This will commence Friday 11 September at lunchtime. However the Golf federation are no longer subsidising golf for young people so the cost will be £6.50 per session. Numbers are limited to eight per week, unless we have enough to split it so that the children attended alternate weeks. If your child would be interested in taking part please complete the tear off slip below and return it to the office no later than Monday 7 September.

Calendar

This will be issued at the beginning of each term but all updates will be available on the new Website. I would just like to bring to your attention the date of Speech Day and Sports Day which will be Friday 25 June 2010.

Theatre Royal Prep-School Production

Mrs. Amtower has been busy writing yet another of her fantastic plays, which this time is called the Isle of Bendith. All children in years three to six will be involved in the production and they must be available for the two weekend rehearsal days **SUNDAY MAY 23ST & SATURDAY JUNE 12TH**. These will take place at the school from 1000-1600hrs each day. The performances will be Thursday 17th and Friday 18th June 2010.

Getting to Know you Evening

The Getting to Know you Evening takes place at 1900hrs on Monday 14 September, firstly in the school hall and then in the individual classrooms. This is the ideal opportunity for parents to meet their children's teachers and discuss anything that they are unsure about. It is important that at least one parent attends.

Food Fortnight

Once again the school will be taking part in Food Fortnight Saturday 19 to Sunday 4 October 2009. Each class will be studying a different group of food. Class teachers will advise the children which food they are to study. Please feel free to discuss this with the class teacher at the 'Getting to Know You Evening on Monday 14 September.

School Uniform

New school uniform, including bags are obtainable from Coes in Ipswich, a full list of requirements can be viewed on the school website. You can order via the website, ring or visit the store in person. Uniform can either be delivered directly to your home or to the school office. The new uniform is being phased in over the next two years, and the second-hand shop still has a wide stock available for purchase.

Carpark

Please ensure that once you have collected your child they do not run about in the carpark and that they are quickly secured in your vehicle. Please remember once they are collected from the gate they are your responsibility. We would ask that all persons using the carpark do so with great care, watching for children popping out from behind parked cars.

School Directory

This will once again be available electronically in a few weeks time.

Fees Refund Scheme

We have been advised by our insurers for those parents who use the scheme, with effect from 1 January 2010, there will be a seven day excess applied to claims for school closure. This means there will be no cover for the first seven day of any claim.

Mouth guards

It is a school rule that all children in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 have mouth guards for sport. On Monday 7 September O-pro will be in school to measure the children for these.

Young Engineers

Name**Class**

would like to take part in the Young Engineers Club on Thursday evening.

I agree to pay £5 per session.

SignedDated

Golf

NameClass

Would like to take Golf Lessons, Friday lunchtimes

I agree to pay £6.50 per session.

SignedDated