

PREPARATORY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FROM THE HEADMASTER

Half Term

As we reach the halfway stage of what is shaping up to be another very successful term, could I congratulate all pupils and parents on all we have achieved so far. This is always a busy term and we still have so much to look forward to.

I will be in the Office next Wednesday morning (2nd June) should any parent need to contact me.

Please could I also remind you that I will be out on the French Trip during the first week of the second half of term.

A Midsummer Night's Dream

All pupils who are involved in the Play, including the choir, should have brought home with them two letters regarding tickets and costume requirements. Could I also ask parents to gently remind the children how important it is that they revise their lines during the break.



Infant Sports Day

We are hoping that today was bright and sunny and that Infant Sports Day took place as planned. If so, all certificates will be given out at Assembly on Friday 18th June.

Junior Sports Day

I do hope parents enjoyed Junior Sports Day. I know that occasionally a parent asks if it would be possible to include field events. Our main aim is to give all the pupils a chance to take part and it would be extremely difficult, both organisationally and from a health and safety angle, to run events such as Shot Putt and High Jump at the same time as track events. We will give thought as to whether it would be possible to hold these events on a separate occasion.

Pirate Ship

Could I remind parents of the need for close supervision when allowing pupils to play on the Pirate Ship after school. We have been concerned that there have been a number of occasions when young children have been seen running towards the roadway round the play area whilst cars are moving.

COMMUNITY AWARDS

This week's Community Awards were given to:

Rec'n: Louis Martin for being a good friend

Year 1: William Stevenson for being kind and caring

Year 2: Finn Boyhan Irvine for thoughtfulness and for being helpful to classmates

Year 3: William Thomas for a cheerful and positive attitude

Year 4: Eliza-May Beall for being helpful and kind

Year 5: Madeline Caborn for a cheerful and helpful attitude

Year 6: Charlotte Toptani for an enthusiastic and positive attitude

HEADMASTER'S COMMENDATIONS

Due to Mr Gatherer being away on the French Trip during the first week after the half term break, all of these commendations will be presented in a celebration assembly on Friday 18th June.

Paul Sundaram in 4NF for earning 20 House Points

Olivia Tanner in 4NF for earning 20 House Points

Sneha Suresh in 4NF for earning 20 House Points

Dante Auld in 2AP for earning 10 House Points

Jack Lenszner in 2AP for earning 20 House Points

Nicholas Sawyer in 2AP for earning 20 House Points

Archie Bishop in 2MW for earning 10 House Points

Claudia Baulf in 2MW for earning 20 House Points

Amelie Coy in RKC for excellent writing



FRIENDS' DIARY

Thank you very much to all volunteers who kindly gave up their free time to help with refreshments at the Infant Sports' Day. It was much appreciated!

The excitement is building as the highlight of our fund-raising year approaches – the Summer Fair! One of many new events at the Fair will be a Grown-Ups 'Tug-o-War' contest for which we are now looking for



some muscle! Kids this is your chance to get your Mums and Dads motivated and active!

We will put House Teams together to compete and the winning team will be the lucky recipient of our spanking new 'Tug-o-War' trophy – come on Mums and Dads – it'll be fun!! (Email to enter at: faynewcombe@blueyonder.co.uk)

And finally - we have a big space in our storeroom begging to be filled with any unwanted toys, books and DVD's. If you could have a sort out over half term and bring any items to Reception they will be gratefully received!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AND FIXTURES

Monday 7th June

Year 6 French Trip All Week

Tuesday 8th June

Reception classes to visit Pennywell Farm All Day

Wednesday 9th June

Year 3 classes to visit Paignton Zoo All Day

Friday 11th June

Kindergarten Dads and Grandads' Day 1.45pm

OTHER ITEMS

Library Books

The Junior Library currently has 245 books out on loan. Would all pupils please check at home, in parents' cars, classrooms, etc and return these books so that others have the opportunity to read and enjoy them. Many Thanks.

Mrs J Smith

Promoting Reading

On the afternoon of Friday 11th June, Mrs Thomas, a parent who is also an independent Usborne organiser, will visit the school to work with Year groups 3, 4 and 5.



She will be giving a talk about books and will be showing pupils a selection of fiction and non-fiction books (with links to next year's curriculum, where appropriate). After school, from 3.45 to 5.00pm she will be available in the Conference Room with a display of books for purchase or order for KS1 and KS2. As the school will receive commission (in the form of books for the library) we would be very grateful for your support.

Sponsorship

Mike Packham would like to say a huge Thank You to all of the parents and staff who sponsored him for the 50m Dartmoor Cycle Challenge 2010 in aid of Cancer Research. Mike completed the challenge and raised a wonderful £392.50 for the charity.

WELL DONE MIKE!

Tennis Lessons

Because of Infant Sports Day today, Mr Sherlock will not be doing any Tennis lessons. Instead he will be doing two lessons, on the Monday and the Friday, in the week beginning Monday 7th June.

**Have a very
happy half
term holiday**

