



Start of Term 3 2011

Dear Parents.

A Happy New Year to you and your family!

Changes

A warm welcome to Jayden Powell, who has joined Class Three, and to his parents Mark and Kylee.

This looks like being an exciting term. There are plenty of exciting events planned. The Disability Day on January 21st promises to be very interesting and hopefully will help us on our journey to becoming a fully inclusive school.

There are also some new clubs starting this spring. Bird watching is going to be in vogue as we have the bird watching week starting January 24th and Class Fours bird box building the week before. The new KS2 Drama Club is due to start on Thursday January 13th and that should be fun as well as helping children to develop theatre skills. We are also organising a Table Tennis Club due to start in Term 4 for the older children.

N.B. Sportsworks have let us know that they currently have problems arranging coaching for the after-school football club on Tuesday. We apologise for any inconvenience caused, and will inform you of any developments.

Fund raising / Homework Support

The Friends are continuing to plan some enjoyable events, but the first fund-raising event comes on Monday 17th January when a letter is due to be sent home from a company offering support with home learning.

You don't have to pay a penny but if you would be willing to return the reply slip they will pay us a small amount for each slip regardless of whether it indicates a willingness to take up their product or not.

Success at School

The majority of this letter is composed of annual reminders that are designed to ensure the children are safe, happy and successful at school.



The Weather

The weather is currently very cold, and warm coats, hats, scarves and gloves are often needed. Wellies are also essential for free play in the field. Leaving a centrally heated house can be misleading and the children are outdoors for significant periods of time. Please ensure that these items are named.

Learning



- **Changing to term time bedtimes.** Please ensure that children quickly make the adjustment to term time bedtimes. The majority of children in the school need at least **10** hours sleep at night, with the oldest needing 9 or more.
- **All children should be settled in class by 8.50 a.m.** Punctuality helps children succeed in their learning. This does mean that children need to be walking into school by **8.45 at the latest** in order to be ready on time.
- Please try to ensure that your KS1 child is heard read every day. Once children are independent and fluent readers the emphasis needs to be on discussing plot, motivation, character and developing the skill of reading between the lines.
- Please make sure that homework if given is completed on time, and to a good standard. Teachers are always happy to clarify homework expectations and timings.
- A good breakfast will help children to concentrate and to enjoy the day.

We do want children to enjoy their learning and most do, and these simple habits make all the difference.

Uniform

A reminder that **all** children should wear school uniform. Trousers should be tailored, socks dark or grey without patterns or pictures and long hair in plaits or bunches. No earrings please!

Illness

If your child is unwell please call in before 9 o'clock on the first morning so we know that the child is safe and what is happening. A reminder that sickness must be followed by a 48 hours at home to avoid contagion.

DIARY DATES: For the Home Calendar

January 2011

Wednesday 5th Term 3 starts for children

Saturday 8th School Rugby Team @ The Rec (Halftime)

Tuesday 11th Football Match v WASPs @ Home 3.45 p.m approximately. No Sportsworks Club today, see front page.

Thursday 13th Class Three Assembly for parents 'The Digestive System 9.15 a.m. & Bird Box Building Day for Class Four with Vic Ross & First Freedom School Drama Club

Friday 14th Mrs Evans' last day before Maternity leave

Monday 17th Mrs Best starts in Class One

Tuesday 18th Class Four India topic trip to Hindu temple

Friday 21st Disability Day

Monday 24th Start of National Bird Watching Week for Schools

February

Tuesday 1st 4 Spanish Trainee teachers visit

Friday 4th Friends Quiz Night

Thursday 10th Wessex Water visit for Class Five

Monday 14th Personal Projects Week

& Class Five Parent teacher interview week

Friday 18th End of Term 3

Monday 28th Start of Term 4

& Main Parent/ teacher interview fortnight

March

Friday 4th Mrs Edmund's last day before Maternity Leave

Monday 7th Mr Milne to start in Class Five

Tuesday 8th Class Four to Warleigh Lodge Farm

Saturday 12th Auction of Promises (TBC)

April

Friday 8th End of Term 4

Tuesday 26th Start of Term 5

Friday 29th Royal Wedding Bank Holiday

Other dates online

May

Monday 2nd May Day

Monday 9th KS2 SATs Week. All Year 6 children must be in school

Tuesday 10th Class One to Warleigh Lodge Farm

Friday 27th End of Term 5

June

Monday 6th INSET Day 6

Tuesday 7th Start of Term 6

Wednesday 8th Class Three Pedestrian Training starts

July

Saturday 2nd Summer Fair

Monday 11th Sports Day Option One KS2 a.m. KS1 p.m.

Monday 18th Sports Day Option Two KS2 a.m. KS1 p.m.

Friday 22nd Leavers Service 9.30

& End of term 6