



Newsletter

Dear Parents/Friends/Guardians

19th September 2008



School Council

The school council has been chosen with each class voting to appoint their representative. Well done to all of them and they will hold these positions for the whole of the academic year. Holly and Sycamore reps will be chosen next week when they get to know each other a bit more.

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| Oak | Amann Bukhari |
| Pine | Kira Dharival |
| Elm | Ben Ferguson |
| Chestnut | Rosie Lewis |
| Cedar | Amy Longhurst |
| Beech | Rohan Misra |
| Willow | Christina Davisdon |
| Cherry | George Phillips |
| Sequoia | Oliver Cooke |
| Juniper | Maddie Clare |
| Yew | Jessica Lowden |
| Hawthorn | Rianna Gurden |



Parent Forum

As we started the forum quite late last term, the representatives will be staying with their classes this academic year. The two new reception classes will need reps and because of the mixing across the year group we will need a volunteer for Oak class. If you are interested please see the class teacher. The next Parents Forum meeting is on Friday 26th September at 2.00pm. If you wish your representatives to bring anything up please contact them before this date. At the last meeting it was decided there could be a more efficient procedure than the one tested for contacting parents in the case of an emergency. This would be to send a group text, which would include a request for each person to reply to confirm that the message has been received. The class representative would then be able to contact the school with a complete list of parents who had not been reached. We will be trying this procedure shortly as a 'dry run', so please could you give your details to your representative if you haven't already done so. Thank you for your co-operation. The reps for the classes so far are:

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| Holly: | |
| Sycamore: | |
| Oak: | |
| Pine: | Iwona Batterberry/Viv McMillan |
| Elm: | Michelle Livett/Andrew Thorburn/Emma James |
| Chestnut: | Sam Amend |
| Beech: | Vanessa Marsden |
| Cedar: | Nicky Moss |
| Willow: | Catherine Barlow |

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| Cherry: | Gillian Bowers |
| Sequoia: | Joy Small |
| Juniper: | Nicky Moss |
| Hawthorn: | Sabine Bolier |
| Yew: | Mary Nash |



Piano Exam Results

Well done to the following pupils who have passed their piano exams!

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| Ronja Cordes | Grade 1 | Pass |
| Lucy Iwaszko | Grade 1 | Pass |
| Alisha Maddocks | Grade 1 | Distinction |
| Jessica Lowden | Grade 2 | Pass |
| Tim Johnston | Grade 2 | Merit |



Shoe Box Appeal

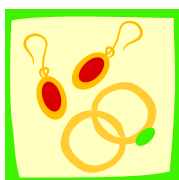
This year we are collecting shoeboxes for Link Romania. We would ask you to follow the instructions on the leaflets that have been distributed and to hand in your shoeboxes during the week of Monday 20th October (the week before half term). We can then request a pick up for the week after half term without being swamped by shoeboxes! We would also like to kindly remind you of the gift aid form on the back of the leaflets as for every £2 donated, Link Romania will receive an extra 56p from the government – for free. The shoebox appeal DVD/video can be viewed on the website at www.linkromania.co.uk or on www.youtube.com.

Thank you in advance for your kind donations which will make a huge difference to poor and needy families in Eastern Europe.



Band

A message from Mr Lewis - There will be no band practice during 11+ week on 2nd October, but there will still be lessons from 10.30 – 12.30.



Earrings

Earrings should not be worn for PE lessons due to risk of injury. Children need to be able to remove them themselves during these sessions or if they are too young to be able to do this, they should not be worn to school on that day. The policy for allowing children to wear tape over their earrings is no longer viable due to health & safety issues. We appreciate your co-operation.



Road Safety

A plea from concerned parents – please don't park on the zig-zag lines outside the school gates, or opposite them, particularly between 8.15 – 8.45 and 3.00 – 3.30. The parking is becoming very dangerous; please have consideration for the children.



Y6

In future Mr Freeman's class will be known as 'ASH' rather than 'YEW'. This is because the children felt there were confusing connotations when the class name was called out. The name was voted on today and chosen by the whole class.



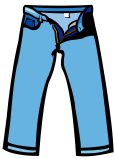
Class Assemblies

This year, all the classes will present a short Assembly to parents and the rest of the school, demonstrating the work covered in the classroom. These are always held on a Friday morning and each class will be sending out letters to parents when it is their turn. The Assemblies usually last about half an hour and will include the class presentation as well as participation from the rest of the school and an awards section. We hope you will enjoy this new venture!



Reception pupils 2009/10

If you have a child who will be 5 during the academic year September 2009 – August 2010, don't forget to fill in the form to apply for a school and return to County by 5pm 14th November or midnight if submitted on-line. We have stocks of the County booklets and forms if you would like one.



Charities

Jeans for Genes day this year is on Friday 3rd October. Children can wear jeans and trainers, but must wear a school sweatshirt etc.



Harvest Festival

Our harvest festival assembly will be on Friday 3rd October, so please send in your donations of food (tea, coffee, sugar, biscuits, tins, cakes, fruit, vegetables etc) on that Friday morning. **We would appreciate receiving your gifts on that day and not before as we are short of storage space.** It would also be helpful if you could send in any spare shoe boxes. If you would like to volunteer to receive the food from the children from 8.30am on Friday 3rd October and help create the display in the hall before the assembly (you would then be very welcome to stay and watch) or to box up the harvest gifts after the assembly or, if you are CRB checked, to help distribute the boxes around Marlow Bottom by car with Year 6 children, please contact the school office. If you are aware of any senior citizens who don't already receive one of our harvest gift boxes each year and who live in Marlow Bottom please inform the office so we can add them to our list.



New or amended dates in bold

Dates for your Diary

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| Monday 22 nd September | Y3 Objectives meeting 2.30 – 3.00 |
| Friday 26th September | Ash Class Assembly 8.50 – 9.20 |
| | Parents Forum 2.00 – 3.15 |
| Monday 29 th September | Parents meeting 7.30 – 9.00pm |
| Thursday 2 nd October | Y5 to Bloomsbury Theatre |
| | 11+ Tests |
| Friday 3 rd October | Harvest Festival |
| Monday 6 th October | Book week |
| Wednesday 8 th October | 11+ Tests |
| Friday 10 th October | Petworth Orienteering championships |
| Saturday 11 th October | Petworth Orienteering championships |
| Tuesday 14 th October | Y6 to Kew Gardens |
| Wednesday 15 th October | Book Fair all this week |
| | Parents Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm |
| Thursday 16 th October | Parents Evening 4.00 – 7.00pm |
| Monday 20 th October | FOB |
| Wednesday 22 nd October | Superschools sports celebrity day |
| Thursday 23 rd October | Y6 school journey parents meeting |
| Friday 24 th October | End of first half-term |
| Wednesday 5 th November | Individual and sibling group photographs |
| Saturday 15 th November | British Schools Orienteering Champs – Camberley |

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| Sunday 16 th November | British Schools Orienteering Champs – Camberley |
| Tuesday 18 th November | Y3 Roman Day |
| Friday 21 st November | Publication of 11+ results |
| Friday 28 th November | Christmas Bazaar |
| Monday 1 st December | FoB 8.00pm |
| Tuesday 9 th December | 1.30 – 3.00 KS1 concert for grandparents |
| Wednesday 10 th December | 1.30 – 3.00 KS1 concert for parents |
| Thursday 11 th December | 1.30 – 3.00 KS1 concert for parents |
| Friday 12 th December | Choir at Albert Hall |
| Monday 15 th December | OAP Christmas Party |
| Tuesday 16 th December | Carol Concert 7.00 – 9.00pm |
| Thursday 18 th December | Christmas Parties |
| Friday 19 th December | End of Term |
| Monday 5 th January | Staff Training Day |
| Tuesday 6 th January | Term Starts |
| Monday 2 nd February | Creative Week |
| Monday 9 th February | Creative Week display in School Hall |
| Wednesday 11 th February | Parents evening 4.00 – 7.00pm |
| Thursday 12 th February | Parents evening 4.00 – 7.00pm |
| Friday 13 th February | End of first half-term |
| Thursday 5 th March | Educate Me in school: Oceans |
| Tuesday 24 th March | 1.30 – 3.00 Lower KS2 concert for grandparents |
| Wednesday 25 th March | 1.30 – 3.00 Lower KS2 concert for parents |
| Thursday 26 th March | 1.30 – 3.00 Lower KS2 concert for parents |
| Friday 3 rd April | End of Term |
| Monday 20 th April | Term Starts |
| | Y5 residential trip to Osmington Bay |
| Monday 11 th May | KS2 SATs all week |
| Monday 18 th May | Y6 residential trip to Barton Hall, Devon |
| Friday 22 nd May | End of first half-term |
| Monday 15 th June | Class and Sports Teams photographs |
| Tuesday 16 th June | KS1 Sports Day 9.00 – 12.00 |
| Wednesday 17 th June | KS2 Sports Day 9.00 – 12.00 |
| Thursday 18 th June | KS1 reserve Sports Day |
| Friday 19 th June | KS2 reserve Sports Day |
| Monday 22 nd June | Teacher Training Day |
| Tuesday 23 rd June | KS1 2 nd reserve Sports Day |
| Wednesday 24 th June | KS2 2 nd reserve Sports Day |
| Thursday 2 nd July | Summer Music Concert 7.00 – 9.00pm |
| Friday 3 rd July | Reports go home |
| Tuesday 7 th July | Y6 Induction Day |
| | Whole school class swap |
| | New Reception parents meeting 2.00 – 3.00pm |
| Wednesday 8 th July | Upper KS2 production for grandparents 7.00 -9.00pm |
| Thursday 9 th July | Upper KS2 production for parents 7.00 – 9.00pm |
| Friday 10 th July | Upper KS2 production for parents 7.00 – 9.00pm |
| Monday 13 th July | Bobby Graham concert 1.30 – 3.00pm |
| Tuesday 14th July | Open Evening 6.00 – 8.00pm |
| Thursday 16 th July | Helping Parents Tea party 1.30 – 3.00 |
| Friday 17 th July | Leavers Assembly for parents |
| Monday 20 th July | End of Term |
| | Teacher Training Day |

Yours Sincerely



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Headteacher

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