



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.

Oak	Amann Bukhari
Pine	Kira Dharival
Elm	Ben Ferguson
Chestnut	Rosie Lewis
Cedar	Amy Longhurst
Beech	Rohan Misra
Willow	Christina Davidson
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:

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

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!

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

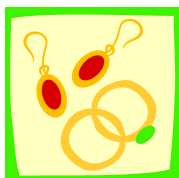
This year we are collecting shoeboxes for Link Romania. We would ask you to follow the instructions on the leaflets that have been distributed and to hand in your shoeboxes during the week of Monday 20th October (the week before half term). We can then request a pick up for the week after half term without 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.



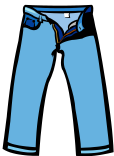
Class Assemblies

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

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

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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