



Newsletter

Dear Parents/Friends/Guardians

1st May 2009



FoB Cake Sale 1st May 2009

It's the turn of Year 3 to wow us with their cake and biscuit contributions! The amount of cakes delivered this morning looks like a record so well done to Year 3 parents. We'll let you know how much is raised for FoB funds in the next newsletter.



Achievements

Well done to Hannah Clayton and Laura Martinez Williams for winning the Rose Carnival Art Competitions. Congratulations to Molly Brown for passing her Grade 1 piano exam and also to Charlotte Falconer for achieving Silver in her swimming challenge award



Footsteps

Footsteps training is up and running again after the winter break. Children in Years 1 and 2 are being taken onto Marlow Bottom Road in pairs and taught road safety with a trained parent volunteer. Years 3 and 4 will receive a group training lesson up in the playground or hall. They will all receive a certificate and badge after they complete their relevant level. Reception parents have all been sent information about Footsteps and we need to train parents from that year so that their children can benefit when they move up to Year 1. If you would like to become a volunteer, please contact me.

We have also extended the Footsteps training this year to include Year 6. This is because many of the Year 6 children will be venturing out by themselves once they go to senior school and we felt they needed reminding about the dangers on the road. Burford School was chosen to pilot a presentation compiled by Bucks County Council. The children listened intently to a lesson about road safety, journey planning and the impact on the environment. Two children are going to present their feedback about the material at the Bucks Annual School Travel Conference in May. The material will then be rolled out to all primary schools in Buckinghamshire. Well done Year 6 for giving such good feedback and good luck to our representatives at the conference.

Vanessa Hill
Footsteps Co-ordinator

Osmington Bay

April 20th 2009 saw Year 5 embark on yet another epic journey to the Dorset Coast - Osmington Bay was our destination. The morning we had all been waiting for had arrived!!! With a few tears and more than a little trepidation from some.....parents - we got on our way. Mickey our bus driver was in good spirits (after he had managed to fit all the cases on!) and we set off (once Mr Garner had managed to get the minibus to start!). We arrived at Lulworth Cove and the children's interest and enthusiasm started well. They loved the dramatic coastline and really took in a lot from the knowledgeable guides. By 4pm we had arrived at our destination - breaching the hill to reveal the spectacular views over Osmington Bay PGL. Our Group Leaders, Kate and Alex, were great all week. Much to all the adults delight the first night went without a hitch and most were asleep by 11pm. Tuesday saw us spend the whole day at PGL challenging some fears with our activities of quad biking, zipwire, abseiling, sensory trail, archery, giant swing and areoball - the children were so brave and loved every minute! Wednesday was a long day with a couple of activities at the centre followed by a trip to Brownsea Island for some more work on the coasts and a chance to catch a look at the elusive red squirrels. Again the guides were great when they weren't being drowned out by the noisy peacocks. Wednesday night was Campfire night- thoroughly enjoyed by all and it kept the children entertained for days as they continued to sing the songs they had learnt - they are still singing them back at school now! Thursday was a little more sedate with a trip to the Sealife Centre with more children managing to overcome some fears by holding a massive spider crab. With the week drawing to a close, we finished Thursday with the inaugural Burford School Awards night, with many awards being presented for good behaviour, tidy chalets and we must mention our polite, chivalrous, daredevil star of the week - Alex Spittles!!! Finishing off with our own private party and dancing until bedtime. Friday brought together some sleepy heads and a bit more apprehension - but this time the children didn't want to go home!!!! A few more activities before we bade our goodbyes to our Group Leaders and we made our way home to the parents, who were clearly delighted to see us all return safe and sound.

All in all we had a fantastic week away which was enjoyed by children, staff and governors alike!!!!

Mr Garner



Wildlife Garden

Thank you very much to all the parents who helped clear the wildlife garden last weekend! Everyone worked really hard and luckily the weather was good. The area looks fantastic and it will be wonderful to utilize the garden again!



Building Works

We are very pleased with the new building work that has been carried out over the last few weeks. The Reception classes now have a cover for their outside area to enable them to still go outside in the bad weather! Also, new paving stones were laid outside the Y2 classes, again, to make waiting for the children easier and cleaner in the wet weather! We also have a lovely new chequerboard garden between Y2 and the library block. Each class in Years R to 3 will have the opportunity to take responsibility for a section and be responsible for planting and watering vegetables. They are all looking forward very much to this – thank you to Miss Avery and Mrs Callon-Hine for making this happen!



New or amended dates in bold

Dates for your Diary

Friday 8th May

Monday 11th May

Wednesday 13th May

Thursday 14th May

Friday 17th May

Monday 18th May

Thursday 21st May

Friday 22nd May

Friday 22nd May

Monday 1st June

Tuesday 2nd June

Thursday 4th June

Friday 5th June

Saturday 6th June

Tuesday 9th June

Wednesday 10th June

Friday 12th June

Monday 15th June

Tuesday 16th June

Wednesday 17th June

Thursday 18th June

Friday 19th June

Saturday 20th June

Monday 22nd June

Tuesday 23rd June

Wednesday 24th June

Thursday 25th June

Friday 26th June

Tuesday 30th June

Wednesday 1st July

Friday 3rd July

Tuesday 7th July

Wednesday 8th July

Thursday 9th July

Cherry Class Assembly

KS2 SATs all week

Sycamore Class to College Lake, Tring

Holly Class to College Lake, Tring

Y2 & 3 Choir - Hope in the Park, Marlow 2.00-4.30pm

Y6 residential trip to Barton Hall, Devon

Yrs R, 1 & 2 Drama Workshops 9.00-12.00

End of first half-term

FOB Ice Cream Day

Skipping Workshop – Yrs R, 1, 4 & Juniper

Skipping Workshop – Yrs 2, 3, 6 & Sequoia

Assessment meeting for all parents 7.00pm

Beech Class Assembly

Rose Carnival

KS2 'Sing Praise' at Adams Park 11.00-2.00

Y1 visit to Science Museum

Oak Class Assembly

Class and Sports Teams photographs

KS1 Sports Day 9.00 – 12.00

KS2 Sports Day 9.00 – 12.00

KS1 reserve Sports Day

KS2 reserve Sports Day

Y5 & 6 Choir rehearsal at Ware 8.30-3.00

Teacher Training Day

KS1 2nd reserve Sports Day

KS2 2nd reserve Sports Day

Summer Music Concert 7.00 – 9.00pm

Holly Class Assembly

Y2 to Mundeford, Dorset

Choir – Y5/Y6 – O2 Concert

FoB Children's Summer Disco

Reports go home

Y6 Induction Day

Whole school class swap

New Reception parents meeting 2.00 – 3.00pm

Upper KS2 production for grandparents 7.00 -9.00pm

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Friday 10th July
Monday 13th July
Tuesday 14th July

Thursday 16th July
Friday 17th July
Monday 20th July

Bobby Graham concert 1.30 – 3.00pm
Open Evening 6.00 – 8.00pm
Helping Parents Tea Party 1.30 – 3.00
Y3 & 4 Choir Wycombe Swan Music Concert 7.00pm
Leavers Assembly for parents
End of Term – School Closes at 1.30pm
Teacher Training Day

Yours Sincerely



Mrs. K Whittington
Headteacher

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