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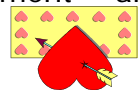
It was great to see so many of our parents attend the recent consultation meetings with their child's teacher. I know that some parents could not make the date and if this is the case please contact your child's teacher to arrange a meeting.

School Reports. This year we will be making changes to the way we report annually on pupil progress and achievement at school from Reception to Year 5. Reports will be sent out in April and will outline progress to date along with targets for future learning within their present class. We feel that this will make the process more proactive in outlining not only the successes of each child but areas in which they need to improve before they leave that year group. At the end of the year, Year 6 will receive their final reports and all other children will receive a form outlining test results and teacher assessments



School Uniform. Sweatshirts and Polo Shirts are now held in stock at the school. We have changed our supplier and have all sizes. The cost for a sweatshirt up to 32" is £8.50 and a polo shirt is £7. Contact Sarah in the office for any help or advice. Please support us by ensuring your child wears the correct uniform. I notice several children are wearing inappropriate footwear including *expensive* trainers and shoes with tall heels. If I can help parents save money then children need to wear ordinary black school shoes.

Ladies Night. This event, organised by the PTFA is being held in the school this Wednesday evening 11th February from 7.30 p.m. Entry along with a free drink is by ticket available for £1 at the school office before the event. Money raised through this event is to buy more staging and some lighting. Body Shop, Chocoholics and Beauty Treatment – an early Valentines Gift!



Book Week. This takes place from 23rd – 27th February (straight after half term). The week includes a Readathon in which children are sponsored to read. Proceeds go to children cancer charities. We have a visiting story-teller, a large book display/sale, a story writing competition, a sale of second hand books (at 20p) each and a visit from Dorset Libraries. The week ends with a special Book Week assembly where children celebrate books. Parents are warmly invited to attend – the assembly is at 2.30 p.m.

Spring into Life. Local Churches in the Weymouth Area will be visiting on 2nd and 3rd March to share their production of 'Spring into Life'.

School Journeys and Activity for Juniors.

We have organised a variety of activities for our junior aged children.

Year 3 will be off to London on Friday 27th February to visit the British Museum, along with a coach excursion around the special sights of London. The group will be leaving early and arriving back late in the evening. We will have a short meeting for parents on Wednesday 25th February at 2.45 in the school hall.



Year 4 is off to Carey Camp for three days from Wednesday 26th May until Friday 28th May. This is a two night residential visit to a Dorset County Council Outdoor Centre. The cost will be in the region of £40. Parents will be invited to a meeting later this term.

Year 5 will have the opportunity for outdoor adventurous activity at the Weymouth Outdoor Education Centre (which I'm pleased to note has been saved from the County budget axe) for two days on Thursday 20th and Friday 21st May. The cost will be in the region of £30. Again a meeting will be arranged for parents later this term.

Year 6 is again off to Springhead for a weeks residential activity from Monday 28th June – Friday 2nd July. Parents have already been notified about cost but a meeting will be held nearer the date to provide details of activities.



I am grateful to both teachers and teaching assistants for giving their time to these events – without them volunteering this additional time these trips could not take place.

In-Service Training. A reminder that our last day of the academic year for children is Tuesday the 20th July. This means that children will receive the statutory 190 days of schooling. Teachers attend an additional 5 days of training each year– the last two being 21st and 22nd July.

All our staff attended a day of training on Friday 30th January, which was the launch of the Chesil Education Partnership. Due to the fact it involved 800+ people it was held at the Pavilion. The Chesil Education Partnership is a partnership between all schools in the area working together to increase learning opportunities for all children. There is strength in unity and as a larger body we are looking to save money by getting better deals from service providers as well as bidding for funding on a national scale. The partnership has successfully obtained through a Federation bid over £350,000 from central government. At the training day all those involved in education locally were able to meet, look at and discuss the potential of such a partnership.



Breakfast Club and Holiday Playscheme. We have again been successful in obtaining continued national funding for these activities. There are still a few places available in the Breakfast Club at 20p a day – which is great value for money. Registration forms are available from Sarah in the office.

We are looking forward to extending the Holiday Playscheme to the Easter holidays so look out for further news.

Littlemoor Community Centre. This continues to flourish and it has been great for me to see so many of you using it for parties or attending activities there. Natalie Kavanagh, who has a child in Nursery, is the booking clerk.



And finally.....It has been a joy to see so many parents, grandparents and friends at both our class and celebration assemblies. The children and their teaching staff have produced wonderful assemblies with drama, dance and music. All the children are working so hard with excellent attitudes and are rewarded with Headteacher and Class certificates. Like me you must be very proud of them. We have many after lunchtime and after school clubs taking place during the week. Unfortunately we may have to cancel them at short notice if the teacher is ill or absent for any other reason. Again I am grateful for the staff freely giving time to these clubs.

Best wishes

Leslie Strong Headteacher

