



**Bonjour!** We welcome the children back after the Whitsun break to participate in our French Week. The staff have planned plenty of events. These include a visit by a French teacher, learning French through songs and games, a French breakfast (petit dejeuner), our own French Market, a boules competition and learning about French dance and art. I am grateful to Madame le Blanc (Mrs White) for co-ordinating the whole venture. Tomorrow is our 'Tricolor' day when we dress in blue, white and red and in the afternoon we invite parents to join us for a picnic (details of which have already been circulated).



**School Sports.** Well done to all the Year 4, 5 and 6 children who competed in the South – West Dorset Area Sports on Tuesday and Wednesday. Particular praise to those children who made the finals of track events and those that finished in the top three in field events. Next Thursday afternoon on the **17<sup>th</sup> June** we hold our own school sports and warmly invite parents to attend. My thanks to Mrs Murphy for all her hard work to train and organise our team and arrange our own sports day.

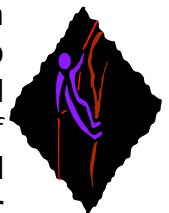


**School Tests.** Children in both Year 2 and 6 have completed their SATs (Statutory Assessment Tests). All children have tried their very best and class teachers have provided excellent lessons to give them the very best opportunity to do well. The Year 6 pupils, guided by Mrs Hart all worked hard with homework revision task for the 10 weeks leading up to the SATs. The outstanding effort of eight individual pupils was recognised through the presentation of a special award. The Year 2 children, like all others in Dorset, took part in a pilot trial of a revised SATs in which a greater emphasis is placed on teacher assessment. Mrs Masino and Mrs White led the pilot in our school.



Pupils in Year 3, 4 and 5 also took national tests in reading, writing and mathematics. We will be sending out the results of all tests later in the term.

**School Outdoor Activities for Older Pupils.** At the end of last term we provided opportunities for pupils in years 4 and 5 to experience outdoor education opportunities which form part of our curriculum. The children in year 4 visited Carey Camp for three days (two nights) and apart from sleeping under canvas carried out nature study, cooked their own meal outside, tackled a low-ropes course and built shelters. The children in year 5 went to the Weymouth Outdoor Centre for two days to experience sailing, kayaking, climbing and rock-hopping. Later this term the Year 6 pupils attend Springhead and pursue a range of outdoor team-building activities as well as geographical, environmental and physical experiences. I have planned a meeting **for next Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 2.40 pm for parents** to attend. I am always grateful to staff who give up their own time to support these visits. As a school we want all children to attend and heavily subsidise the costs.



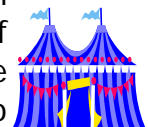
**School dress and punctuality.** I am pleased to see children dressed smartly in correct uniform for school. I have had a need to remind only one or two of our shared expectations about school dress. We have sweatshirts in stock at the moment. A reminder to label clothing. I am also glad to say that nearly all our children are arriving to school on time. Please note though that unsupervised children should not be on the premises before 8.30 a.m.



**Holiday Playscheme.** Last summer holiday we ran a really successful playscheme for children from **8 - 12** years of age at the Littlemoor Community Centre. I have been successful in obtaining another grant from the Dorset Children's Fund to enable this to take place again. This year's scheme will run from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July to Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August. The scheme is staffed by three staff – a play leader and two assistants all of whom are qualified and have experience of working with children. The scheme runs for four days from 9.30 – 1.30 and children enjoy a range of activities either at the centre, on the school field or at local places of interest. On the other day the scheme runs from 9.30 – 4.30 and children enjoy a visit/activity further afield. There are no costs for the four days and the cost of the once weekly trips is subsidised. There is a registration fee of £6 for each child. The scheme can register 40 children. If you are interested return the slip below. Please note that places are limited and will be given on the basis of returns.



**PTFA Events.** A reminder that we are holding a 'Crazy Hair' day on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and asking children to donate a gift for the hoopla/tombola stalls. The annual Garden Party takes place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 6-8 pm. We have a variety of stalls and will run a barbeque along with selling non- alcoholic summer cocktails. There will also be a Bouncy Castle and a host of other games. It would be lovely to see every child and their parents there. The PTFA are putting in a lot of hard work and will make this a really successful event – if you are able to help then let one of the team know.



**Transfer of Year 6 Pupils.** Local secondary schools have invited our pupils to an induction day on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. On that day pupils need to make their own travel arrangements to and from their schools. For pupils attending Wey Valley School, the head teacher Mr Thomas has also arranged for our parents and children to attend a meeting on the evening of Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June as the previously set date clashed with the visit to Springhead.



**Finally.... 'more please!'** On Monday next we welcome a touring theatre company who will perform 'Oliver Twist'. We are asking each child to contribute £1 towards the cost of the performance.



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**Holiday Playscheme 2004.**

I am interested in the Holiday Playscheme and would like further information.

Name of child/children \_\_\_\_\_

Parents Name \_\_\_\_\_

Please return to the school office for the attention of Mr Strong.