



Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to the Summer Term after a glorious Easter break and a fantastic Royal Wedding. The younger children re-enacted the event last week, with the service conducted by Reverend Lorraine Dobbins. I hope you saw the photographs and report in the Dorset Echo. Nursery children and parents also enjoyed a picnic in celebration.

Perhaps due to the long Easter break and lighter evenings teachers are finding some rather tired pupils in their classes, so all children need to get back to their early bedtime routines!

Assessment News

Next week our Year 6 pupils take their national Key Stage 2 SATs. They have worked really hard through the year and over the past few months attended a daily early morning homework club to ensure they are well prepared. Every pupil has really done their best so I wish them and their teacher Mr Kay all the very best. The following week pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 take assessments in reading, writing and mathematics, so like Year 6, they can show what they have learnt over the school year.

Year 2 children in Mrs Masino's, Mrs Anderson's and Mrs White's classes will shortly begin their national Key Stage 1 assessments. Results of all assessments will be provided in end of year reports to parents.

Visits and Activities

Last week Mr Leadley's Year 3 pupils took part in the Kite Making Workshop at the Pavilion and enjoyed flying their kites on the beach. There was a lovely picture in the Dorset Echo.

Today Year 5 pupils in Mrs Brookes, Mrs Bell and Mr Upton's classes visit the Water Works at Sutton Poyntz walking there and back in warm sunshine (hopefully).

In late May, pupils in Year 5 enjoy a curriculum activity visit to WOEC, where they will experience sailing, kayaking, climbing and rock-hopping. This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to learn a range of new activity skills outside of the classroom and develop some essential personal life skills. My thanks to the class teachers for organizing this visit.

Later this term, Mr Geoff Edge from Voiceworks/Dorset Music will be working with Year 5 as they learn some new songs linked to Weymouth & Portland Olympic sailing events in 2012.

On Weds. 25th two teams from Year 6 will take part in the local area cricket festival at Redlands. We have already started our cricket club for Y5/6 pupils arranged by Mr Upton and run by a qualified cricket coach.

Staff News

At the end of last term we said goodbye to Lynda Gough, Teaching Assistant, who retired after 14 years with us here. We welcome a trainee teacher from Winchester University, Miss L White, who for the next five weeks will be working with Mrs L White – I hope the names do not cause any confusion!

Bike it and Step-Up

Well done to all the Year 6 pupils who took part in the Cycle Training – they all did well and Holly, their trainer, said they were a credit. Also thank you to parents who have supported the bid to obtain funding to purchase cycles. We have had approval which will enable me to purchase cycles for pupils to use at school.

PTFA News and Outdoor Developments.

At their recent meeting, the PTFA offered to support the purchase of outdoor gym equipment for pupils to use, a scheme already endorsed by the governors. We are looking at a range of equipment produced by Creative Play (www.creativeplayuk.com) which is specifically designed for young children. Our aim is to continue to provide physical and recreational opportunities for children as part of our commitment to the National Healthy Schools Scheme. At KS1 we will revamp the existing play area and have recently purchased new equipment – including a bamboo trail and willow teepees.

On Thursday evening 26th May the PTFA are holding their second 'Bincombe's Got Talent' Show and have sent out A5 flyers to all children. The first show that was held last year was a real success upon which to build an even better event. Entry forms for pupils are obtainable from the School Office

Saturday Sports Club

We have received news that the Summer Term Saturday Sports Club organized by Mr D Whistance runs for eight weeks from the 14th May from 1.00 to 4.00 p.m. It is held at Conifers Primary School for children aged 5-12 years. Forms can be obtained from the school office. Any other enquiries please ring 01305 813237.

Best wishes Leslie Strong, Headteacher.