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FRIDAY 13th March 2009

'Roll of Honour' – Term 3

Unfortunately Bailey from Miss Burkett's class was omitted from last week's newsletter; but he is also to be congratulated on achieving 100% attendance in Term 3. Well done!

Longwell Green School Kitchen, with Mrs Smith at its helm, has recently been reaccredited the top mark of 5 stars in Food Hygiene by South Gloucestershire Council. Congratulations to Mrs Smith and her staff.

Ukelele concert- Year 4

As part of the government's 'Wider Opportunities' programme all the children in year 4 have been learning to play the ukulele during weekly class lessons. These have been given by Mr Davies (also our guitar teacher) from the South Gloucestershire Music Service.

The children are planning a short concert so they can share some of the songs they have been learning with the rest of the school. The parents of children in both year 4 classes are very welcome to join with us. The concert will take place in the school hall on Tuesday March 24th at 2.40, and parents will be able to take their seats from 2.30 onwards.

Punctuality

100% of children were in on time on Wednesday! I was doing a 'spot-check' and it was wonderful to see the children all in school before the registers were closed. This shows everyone realises the importance of getting to school on time! Thank you to all families for helping.

Update on the school garden

School staff created the raised beds for the school garden this week ready for planting. Classes have been choosing a crop to plant and hopefully we will get a good harvest later in the year.

In recognition of our work the school has become a member of Garden Organic for Schools, the national charity for organic growing (for more information go to www.gardenorganic.org.uk/schools).

On Monday we will be welcoming some visitors to the school. John Cleverley from the charity Send a Cow will be accompanied by three farmers from Uganda who will be looking at the work we are doing as part of our Grow it Global initiative. We're really looking forward to the visit.

Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning

(S.E.A.L.)

An introduction for parents

23rd March 7.00pm

You may have heard your child refer to the SEAL project and wondered what they mean. SEAL, unlike the aquatic mammal of the same name, is very much concerned with the well being of children, their 'emotional intelligence' and their growing ability to get the very best from learning opportunities.

The key premise of SEAL is that if children are in touch with their emotions, and have some understanding of how to use their brains to advantage, then they will thrive, both in school and beyond.

This introduction, by Mr. David Farr, will outline key principles of SEAL and the way that they are taught in school. It will enable parents to share a common vocabulary with their children and to support the core aims of this work.

If you would like to come along, please complete the slip below and return it to the school office by Friday 20th March.

I/we will be attending the Introduction to SEAL meeting.

We shall require ___ chairs.

Signed _____ Print name _____
