



NEWSLETTER 24
FRIDAY 27th March 2009

SEAL at Longwell Green

On Monday we had a very successful parents' evening focusing on SEAL (social and emotional aspects of learning). Mr Farr gave a presentation to about 35 parents who then had a chance to ask questions. The parents who attended the meeting asked if materials could be sent home that could be referred to or that could be used to help develop SEAL at home. We are planning to send some materials home over the next few weeks; in the meantime Mr Farr suggested a friendly activity that all parents could try as a way of stimulating discussion at home. If parents and children keep a simple daily diary for a week this could be a good starting point to find out what each other's day has been like. Younger children could be encouraged to draw a picture if writing is a bit hard. If you try this, Mr Farr would be interested to hear how you get on!

Parking at school

Thank you very much to all parents and family members who heed the parking restrictions outside our school. These have been installed to help keep the area safe in the mornings and evenings. Some parents have been noticing a couple of cars not parking in the right places- please help us by not doing this. Can I also remind parents that the car parks are for staff/ deliveries only- they are not large enough to accommodate parents' cars.

Peat Moors Centre

As many of you will know, Year 3 visit the Peat Moors Centre near Glastonbury in Somerset as part of their topic on the Celts. The centre attracts thousands of visitors each year, offering people the chance to experience life within an Iron Age community, and it also hosts regular craft and living history demonstrations. Year 3 gain a great deal from this trip but unfortunately, there are meetings taking place to discuss the future of the centre and it is feared that it may be shut. If you would like to sign a petition to keep the centre going, please log onto the site below.

<http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/PeatMoorsCentre/>

Willsbridge Mill Environmental Education Centre

April – May 09 Events – Contact 0117 9326885

Eggstravaganza – Wednesday 8th April 10.30-12.30 or 1.30-3.30 pm. Easter holiday treasure hunt, birdbox making and bird food 'cookery@!'

£6/child (4yrs plus) £4/AWT members, Adults FREE.

Up with the Lark – Sunday 10th May 4.40 – 6.30 am. Open air concert at sunrise. Dawn Chorus walk in the depths of Willsbridge Valley.

£10 incl breakfast (£8 members) limited places, to book: 0117 9177270.

Flower Power – Wednesday 27th May 10.30 – 12.30 or 1.30 – 3.30 pm. Make recycled pots and sow seeds, paper making, busy bee game and storytelling. £6/child (4yrs plus) £4/AWT members, Adults FREE.

SCHOOL DINNERS FOR TERM FIVE AND TERM SIX 2009

The cost of a hot two-course lunch will remain at **£1.55** per day, **£7.75** per week for the next two terms. There will be a new menu next term which is also enclosed; this can also be viewed on our school website – www.longwellgreenprimaryschool.co.uk.

If your child/children are staying to school dinner please send payment to school, on **Monday** mornings, with the eldest child. Please send the money in an envelope clearly marked with **NAME OF CHILD/CHILDREN, CLASS AND DAYS STAYING**. Cash or cheques made payable to **SOUTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNCIL** and not school. Suitable envelopes can be purchased from the office at a cost of £1.00.

IF YOU WISH TO PAY FOR EITHER THE FIFTH AND SIXTH TERMS IN ADVANCE THE AMOUNTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

TERM 5 – Monday, 20th April, 2009 – Friday, 22nd May, 2009 = 24 days @ £1.55 per day = **£37.20** (this takes into account the bank holiday on 4th May)

TERM 6 – Tuesday, 2nd June, 2009 – Friday, 24th July, 2009 = 39 days @ £1.55 per day = **£60.45** (less 4 days, £6.20, for those in Year 6 going to Stone Farm)

TOTAL FOR TERM FIVE AND TERM SIX = 63 days @ £1.55 = **£97.65**

At the end of the term any refunds will be returned to you.