



NEWSLETTER

Friday^{2nd} October 2009

Responsible Internet Use Consent Form

Today you will find in the Friday Folder a consent form for internet use. Please read this carefully and sign, returning to your child's class teacher by Friday 9th October. Any questions, please see Miss May (M6).

Attendance

With this newsletter today you will find a copy of the school's attendance leaflet to support parents in emphasising regular attendance at school. This year we have set ourselves a very challenging attendance target of 96.3%, and hopefully, stomach bugs and winter colds notwithstanding, we will be able to achieve this. Your co-operation is really appreciated.

Young Poets

I am really pleased to announce that several of our children have been published in a new volume of poetry called 'Poetry Explorers'. Here is one example, picked at random from the outstanding selection published.

The Ballerina

A ballerina is pink

She is the springtime

On a stage.

She is a summer breeze.

A ballerina is a tutu

A balancing picture

A Royal Variety Show

A pink, fluffy cake.

By Megan Fudge

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Cleverley on the arrival of their second child Ava Rose born on the 18th September 2009 weighing 7lbs 12ozs.

School uniform matters!

With several items of school uniform going missing, some parents have been asking if we could put in a reminder about some simple procedures that might help to cut down on the number of items that go missing:

- 1 Please put your child's name in
- 2 Ask children to look carefully at the names so they pick up the right piece of clothing at school
- 3 Promptly return any item taken home by accident

I am sure everyone will benefit if all these are in place.

Cycling to school

It is wonderful to see so many children regularly cycling into school each day- we are carrying out some monitoring this week and we have about 15-20 cycles in the playground every day. While encouraging children to cycle, I want to point out to parents that their child's cycling is their responsibility and that discussions about safe cycling are important- it might be useful to talk through the purpose of a helmet for example, and about cycling safely around other people, especially if children are cycling short distances on a pavement. Safety first!

BOOK AMNESTY

YOU MAY HAVE SCHOOL BOOKS AT HOME THAT MAY HAVE BEEN OVERLOOKED OR FORGOTTEN ABOUT. WE WOULD LOVE TO GET ALL OUR BOOKS BACK SO COULD CHILDREN PLEASE BE ENCOURAGED TO LOOK AROUND FOR ANY SCHOOL BOOKS THIS WEEKEND? ALL RETURNED BOOKS WILL BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED, AND ESPECIALLY THOSE THAT ARE PART OF A READING SCHEME. THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP.

Our latest recycling fundraising scheme in school is for unwanted CDs and DVDs

Can you help fill our tubs please? There are just a few simple rules:-

The CD or DVD must be an original copy and must have a readable bar code on the back or spine. The items must have all original booklets, artwork and instruction manuals (if appropriate). We are currently not able to accept Videos or single CDs.

The tubs are in the school office and we will let you know how much we have raised in a future newsletter.

Family Forum

I am really pleased to announce the first in a new venture; a regular **Family Forum**, which is a meeting time for parents, grandparents and carers with members of school staff. The purpose will be to talk over general matters of school life and educational issues rather than specific matters related to an individual child. The Forum will provide a chance to find out about new school initiatives and to offer your suggestions for school improvements. The first Forum will be held on Thursday 22nd October at 2.30, and myself, Mrs Elaine Skidmore (Chair of Governors) and Mrs Jenny Hatcliffe (school Family Mentor) will all be there. Please use the reply slip below to let us know if you are planning on coming. Thank you.

Don Sibley

Family Forum Reply Slip

I will be attending the Family Forum on 22nd October 2009 at 2.30 pm.

Name