



Spring Term Newsletter 1

12 January 2010

Dear Parents/Carers/Friends

HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all from everyone here at school.

It seems odd putting 'Spring Newsletter' when we've been struggling with snow and ice recently—oh well. The weather really worked against us and as a consequence we had no alternative but to close for the two days last week. Back to normal now. Thank you for your understanding. I hope the following is of interest.

Safeguarding Children

Like all schools, we take this area particularly seriously and we have adopted the Local Authority's Model Policy which will soon be on our website and can be requested from the office if so desired. A copy will also be placed on our notice-board in the main entrance. The named Safeguarding/Child Protection staff in school are **Mike Green** and **Vee Hopkins**. The named Governor for Safeguarding/Child Protection issues is **Philippa Payne**. All staff receive training on safeguarding matters and will always act in the interest of the children first and foremost.

To tighten up procedures and security in school we ask that **ALL** visitors sign in and wear an identification badge (from the office).

The procedure for arriving in school should be that the children come straight into class from 8.30 am (no earlier please). Ideally, I would like a school parent/volunteer, who we can get CRB checked, on the gate receiving children in and ensuring no-one leaves the premises. Would anyone like to help with this from 8.25-8.45 am. If so please return the attached form and we can get going.

Children arriving after 8.45 should be brought to class by their parents please.

On leaving school Class 3 will now follow the same routine as Classes 1 and 2 in that when a parent arrives outside the class (3.10 pm please) the children will be dismissed.

If you would like your child to stay and play on the field—please be vigilant at all times.

Any children who come to school alone will have to leave at 3.10 promptly as there will be no-one to provide adequate supervision.

Thank you for your co-operation in this serious matter. I am sure it will ensure an even happier and safer environment.

Royal Albert Hall—Choir

Our Year 3-6 choir have begun practicing for the exciting concert at the Royal Albert Hall in March.

Mrs Wiles, Mrs Harris, Mr Earp and myself will be leading the sessions. Please play the CD (4 songs) as regularly as possible—many thanks. Tickets are going fast!

Bring and Buy Sale

Our annual Bring and Buy sale will take place on **FRIDAY 22 JANUARY at 2 pm**. You are welcome to send in games, books, toys, cakes etc from Wednesday 20th. All proceeds will go to the School Council who will order equipment to make playtimes even more exciting.

Swimming/Gymnastics

Further to the information sent out in our final Autumn Term newsletter—please note that there **WILL** be swimming on Monday 8 January and Monday 1 February, the gymnastics group on these days will complete multi skills work in the APHS hall with Mrs Pitcher and some Y10 Students. Thank you.



Informal Parents' Meetings

Our Informal Parents' Meetings for this term are as follows :

Tuesday 26 January 3.10-4.10
and
Tuesday 23 March 3.10-4.10.

We will have another newsletter out very soon.

Best wishes

Mike Green and the 'The Team'

GATE SECURITY

I would like to help with gate security from 8.25—8.45 am on a voluntary basis.

Please tick

Monday	
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	
Any	

Signed

Print Name