



Spring Term Newsletter 3

10 March 2010

Dear Parents

‘Spring is in the air’ - just entering March seems to make a difference— I think we deserve it.

As ever, we are all busy working to provide as many opportunities for your children as possible, it is an exciting time.

Here’s hoping you find the following news of interest.

Royal Albert Hall Choir



Our Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 choir will be travelling to the Royal Albert Hall early next Tuesday morning to participate in what promises to be an unforgettable experience. They will be singing a wide range of songs with 1500 other children from London and the South East.

Sport Relief

We shall be raising money for Sports Relief on **THURSDAY 18 MARCH**—when your child can come to school dressed as a ‘Sports Star’ for £1. We have one or two small sports relief socks available at £2 a pair.

Year 5 Food Technology

Carol Spinks has organised another thoroughly and hugely enjoyable pair of food technology sessions for Year 5. They will eat their prepared food this week—what a treat



Bike to School Week Wk Bg Monday 29 March

Just to remind you that we really want to encourage healthy/ environmentally friendly travelling to school by either walking, cycling or park and striding. If you make a little effort it can make a big difference. Thanks.



Friends’ Events

Don’t forget to pop your recipes into Jo Holden’s folder (by our reception) ready for the Langham Cook Book.

We have a family Beetle Drive in school on **Wednesday 31 March from 6 pm –7.30 pm** in school, everyone welcome. Its always an enjoyable event. If you have never played before, never fear, Jo Phelps will be on hand to explain.

Auction of Promises at Binham Village Hall—Friday 14 May (with details out from the Friends soon).



Informal Parents’ Evening

Our next Informal Parents’ Meeting will be on **Tuesday 23 March 3.10—4.10 pm**

Travelling Book Fair

Our ‘Spring Book Fair’ arrives on Monday 26 April and is with us for a week. This is always a super opportunity to select from some quality titles. We also have the storyteller, Cliff Norgate, with us on Tuesday 27 April when he will read extracts from some of the books to each class.

Global Links

To add to our links with schools abroad Diana Howes is now seeking a Norwegian School to communicate with.

Punk Rocker Day

Everyone thought the children in Class 2 looked absolutely brilliant for their ‘Punk Rocker Day’ - some of the parents’ photos were a bit worrying though— I’ve seen a snap of Miss Hopkins in her ‘Greaser gear’ too!

Tokens

We are collecting the following tokens , so if you see any, do please bring them in— Nestle, Flora, Sainsbury and Tesco.

End of Term

On Thursday 1 April (last day of term) we shall have:



A casual clothes Day for Haiti and Chile, £1 for the pleasure.

Our Jumbo Book Swap will take place—don't forget to send wrapped books into school marked boy—girl and whether for younger—middle or older children. Well done to Georgina Massingham in Year 6 for setting this up. (see note on next page).

An Easter Bonnet Parade at 2.30 pm, on the playground if fine, or in the hall if wet/cold. If you could help/encourage your child make/decorate a hat/cap with an 'Easter' feel we shall have a fashion parade. There will be no prizes just bags of encouragement. Everyone welcome.

The friends will provide a chocolate egg for all the children.

There will be a big 'BAKING CAKES for PLANTS' session organised by Vee Hopkins and Carol Spinks the details will be out soon.

Sports Opportunities



As ever, we are very busy on the sports front— see for yourselves:

Our lunchtime tag rugby tournament was won by Cormorants and our hockey tournament has just begun.

The school football team played very well when defeating a sporting West Raynham. We shall be participating in the Y3/4 Beeston Hall tournament on Saturday 20 March.

Our Cross Country Team did us proud in the Fakenham, Wells and Sheringham event all of our group finished their races and did their very best, stand out results were:

Y3 Blue Wilson 1st Jessica Beeson 3rd Gus Plater 3rd

Y4 Georgina Belton 1st Beth Hickling 2nd Megan Hickling 3rd

Y5 Emily Everard 1st

Y6 Ellie Bushell 1st Georgina Massingham 3rd.



Those mentioned in Yrs 4, 5 & 6 have been invited to race in the North Norfolk Finals at Taverham School on March 17. Well done.

Yr 1 & 2 children are going to the APHS Cluster Dance Festival on Thursday where they will be learning an 'Olympic' Dance.

We shall be entering the Cluster Tri-Golf tournament later in the month and hope to have some coaching sessions very soon

We have clubs in table tennis, football, tag rugby and tennis.

Our 'Competitive Edge' Y5/6 academy children are, by all accounts, doing very well and loving the session.

Fifteen children from Class 3 are participating in the 'Grand Slam Learning Centre' programme at Darren Gill's Sedgeford Centre in the Summer Term— they will use the extensive facilities and work on speed, agility, Maths, ICT and Literacy skills.

Staff have had the County PE adviser, Martin Radmore, in completing two 'Dance in the Primary School' sessions—anyone for the Tango?

Our Yr 5/6 Swimming Gala team will be completing time trials at North Walsham Swimming Pool on 27 April.



Jumbo Book Swap

We were wondering whether your child/ren would like to take part in the **Jumbo Book Swap** which means: you bring a book or two or maybe more books (of course that means we will try and give you that many books back if possible). Then wrap it up, bring it into school, out it in one the classes book boxes and fill out the simple forms. On the 1 April we will put all of the books in the hall and then you can come into the hall and take a book home but you can only take a book home if you brought one in yourself. Many thanks.

Georgina Massingham -Year 6

Gifted and Talented Children

As of January 2010 it is a requirement that we notify any parents of children who have been added to our Gifted and Talented Register. Children who are listed on this register have been nominated by their Class Teacher as having a special ability in a curriculum area. Each teacher will be adapting their teaching to help accommodate their skill.

In order for us to define who is a Gifted and Talented child, and in what subject areas, the government have given us the following guidelines.

Gifted includes Maths, English, Science and ICT (all core subjects)

Talented includes DT, Art Music, PSHE, French, RE, History, Geography, PE and Drama

Play 90

We are keen to support the 'Play 90' campaign and include a wall chart with this letter. Why not take part with your children? The aim is to complete 90 minutes of fitness or healthy activities each day. Log on to the web site to find out more.



Back to School

We start back for the SUMMER TERM on Tuesday 20 April, the Monday is a Staff Training Day.



Thank you very much for your valued support -

Best wishes

Mike Green and 'The Team'

