



Summer Term Newsletter 1

26 May 2010

Dear Parents

Dry and scorching (at time of writing) , what a contrast to January, only weeks ago. As our weather can quickly change do please be aware of staying safe in the sun and provide your child with a hat, lotion, a top to cover arms and a drink of water. We have some shady spots on the field now so we'll take great care.

We have had a really busy and eventful half term and the final 'run-in' seems jam packed with exciting opportunities for your children to capitalize on. Lucky things. Here's hoping the following is of interest. Thanks for your continued support.

Parking on Zig Zag Lines

We ask that you keep everyone as safe as possible by not dropping off or collecting on the yellow zig zag lines outside school. Leaflet attached. Thanks.

Scholastic Book Club



Please find attached the latest Scholastic Book Club leaflet. All orders back to the office by Monday 7 June. Thanks.

Police Liaison

We have the County Police Liaison Officer with us on Monday 21 June to talk to the children about being 'Stranger Aware' and 'Road Safety'

Poetry Competitions

Well done to Abbie Williamson who won first prize and Neve Wilson, second prize, in this year's Royal Norfolk Show competition. They won £175 between them for the school. Fantastic. Congratulations also to Louis Williamson and Ben Wright who's work was highly commended.

Wells-Poetry Next the Sea. A great effort for the Langham winners at this year's recitation performance at the Maltings Theatre Wells -

Class 1—Zeb Guppy

Class 2—Jessica Beeson

Class 3—Archie Willis, Emily Osborne and Isabel Thurston.

Auction of Promises

What an incredible evening at Binham Village Hall on 14 May. There were so many generous people who put promises up for auction and those who kindly bid for them. The £3500 will enable us to develop our raised beds and gardening programme for all three classes. In addition we will be using some of the money to provide art materials and to organise a creative Art Week in June.

A big thanks to Anne-Marie Coe and Jo Phelps who coordinated the event so professionally, as well as to all the volunteers who form part of the 'dream team'.



Test Week

A big well done to all the Year 6 children who completed their tests and the Year 2 children who carried out supportive assessments over the past couple of weeks; their attitude was 'spot on'. Thank you too, for your support and encouragement.

Big Cook Day

Congratulations to everyone involved in the 'Big Cook'. Each class made scones with Carol, Charlotte and Annette. We raised £65 which will go towards providing indoor plants around school as part of our eco drive.



Travelling Book Fair

We had a very successful Book Fair last month with takings at the shop exceeding £450, this meant that each class could significantly bolster their library collection in the form of commission. Thanks very much. Cliff Norgate was, as ever, a real star with squeaky voices and booming roars.

Easter Fund Raising Events

We all had great fun at the end of term, our Casual Clothes Day raised £100 for the people of Haiti and Chile.

The Jumbo Book Swap was well organised by Georgina Massingham and friends and the Bonnet Parade was as classy as ever.

The Friends' Beetle Drive was great fun with what seemed like a million 'choccy' eggs up for grabs.

On Road Cycling

Jeremy Bagnall-Oakeley and his team are, at present, working hard with a year 5/6 group—training them up to be confident, safe and proficient cyclists on the road. Fingers crossed for their tests in June.



Half Term

We are closed for half term from Monday 31 May—Friday 4 June, re-opening on Monday 7 June, ready for action.

Attendance Officer

We liaise closely with the County Attendance Officer, Zoe Phillips, who will be with us again on Thursday 8 June to talk to the Year 6 Group.



Mission to Mars

No, not another school visit but Class 3s IPC (International Primary Curriculum) project which saw the pupils designing their space stations and explaining how things work with visitors on the exhibition sessions—very successful.



Class 2—Explorers Day

The children looked wonderful and they were so articulate when describing their treasures, well done Miss Hopkins and all the parents. We really enjoy our IPC work.

Our next topics will include Class 1 and 3—The World Cup and Class 2 The Great Outdoors

Launch Pad Project

The Norfolk Exchange Business Group are with Year 4, 5 & 6 on Thursday—when the children will be designing, making and launching their own rockets (on the field).

Apparently the rockets can attain heights of 70 metres leaving the launcher at 120 mph, much better than my Toyota.



Dental Team Visit

The Dental Team were out with us on Monday discussing oral hygiene with the children in Classes 1 and 2. It is such an important message—and a regular 'brushing teeth' regime is so beneficial—who needs fillings?

The team will work with Class 3 on 7, 14 and 20 July.

New Intake

We have a group of sixteen Reception children starting with us in September, this is great news for us in difficult financial times for everyone! The new intake afternoons are on Friday 18 June, Friday 25 June and Friday 2 July, when all the children moving to new classes will shuffle through for taster sessions.

How Hill Norfolk Broads Study Centre Y 4, 5 & 6 Residential Visit



We embark on the exciting residential the week after half term—Wednesday 9 June—Friday 11 June.

This is part of our rolling programme of residential visits—we take in a local area one year followed by a contrasting region the next.

In March 2011 we shall be spending a week in the Mendip Hills, Somerset, when caving will be among the many fabulous activities on offer. Details out soon.

Could all those who still need to settle their How Hill balance, please do so this week so we can finalise our payment to the centre. Thank you.

Class 3 New Parents Meeting

Emma Cotton and myself would very much like to invite all new parents of children joining Class 3 to an information evening on **MONDAY 19 JULY** at 6.30 pm in Class 3.

This will give you an opportunity to look at the next phase of your child's learning, how you can support them and crucially to discuss routines and expectations from a parents perspective,

This will enable you to have a really happy summer holiday, safe in the knowledge that your children are going to be pushed and thoroughly enjoy the Class 3 experience.



OPEN DAY

TUESDAY 22 JUNE

9-11.30 and

1.15—3.15

Everyone welcome

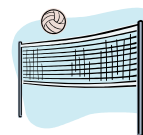
See us at work

Enjoy the Langham
Experience

Sports Opportunities

We continue to take advantage of the wonderful opportunities offered to us by Kirsty Pitcher and Asa Saunders back at the Alderman Peel High School as part of the North Norfolk School Sports Partnership— they really do a fantastic job and our children have benefited from their efforts enormously. Here's a flavour.

- We completed our inter-house tag rugby and have almost finished our hockey tournaments. Before the term finishes we will hold an inter-house handball, tri-golf and chess tournament.
- I have completed teachers coaching courses in both tennis and cricket.
- Our Tri-golf team qualified for the area final and came runner up to Fakenham Junior School.
- Paul Coleman runs our Tag Rugby Club (any extra Yr 2 and 3 children will be welcome).
I run Football Club.
Miss Hopkins runs two Table Tennis Clubs.
Jodie McCallum runs a Cheerleading Club on Tuesdays.
- Class 3 have worked successfully on Creative Dance sessions with Sarah Langley and have begun Volleyball sessions with Tomasz Morawski.
- The Grand Slam group are doing really well at the Learning Centre in Sedgeford under the guidance of Adam Edwards.
- Class 3 have been completing their Sports Leadership programme with Jodie McCallum.
- Our Year 3/4 Tennis team won the cluster event with Darren Gill at the Alderman Peel High School and will now represent the cluster at Fakenham on 14 June.
- Our Football team had a wonderful match against Wells which they won 2-1 and we have won the Small Schools football league again, this time sharing with Corpusty. We shall participate in the Reepham 7-a-side tournament on Friday which is always lots of fun.
- We have had cricket coaching sessions with Dean Futter and participated in the Wells/Fakenham cricket tournament—where we were finally defeated by a strong Burnham Market side by 11 runs.
- A new Archery Club for Years 4, 5 & 6 starts on 6 June.
- Ellie Bushell will participate in the County Swimming finals on 16 July.
- Monday 21 June—Friday 25 June is National School Sports Week and our own School Health and Fitness week including—Jump Rope 4 Heart on 23 June and a Year 1 and 2 Multi Skills Festival at Alderman Peel High School on Thursday 24 June (pm).
- We are keen to promote the SAILING club run by 'NORFOLK ETC' and expect news of activities in July very soon.
- Our very popular '**SPORTS DAY**' will be on Friday 9 July at 1 pm with the reserve day organised for Tuesday 13 July at 1 pm in case of rain.
- We will not hold a sponsored jog this year—we feel conscious of the fact we are always asking for bits of money here and there, so we'll take this on every two years.
- Tom Walduck was selected to represent the area at the County Multi Skills Academy at the UEA.
- Georgina Belton is soon to have a trial for the Norwich City girls football group, her brother Kieron has been a regular at the Norwich City Academy all season and will continue next year. Well done.



Formal Parent's Meetings

Formal meetings (10 minute slots) to discuss your child's reports have been arranged for Tuesday 6 July and Wednesday 7 July both from 5.00—7.00 pm. More details out soon.

Leavers' DISCO

This will be held in the Langham Parish Rooms on Thursday 22 July from 6-8 pm and is for Y3-6 children in school only. Details to follow.

Jump Rope

We shall be raising money for the British Heart Foundation by holding a school skipping session on Wednesday 23 June in the afternoon. It is a very worthy cause and a £1 donation would help enormously.

Friends Summer Fair

Fix in your diary—it cannot be missed!

Friday 16 July
5 –7 pm

It will be here at school—more details out soon.



Whole School Visit

This year we hope to take all of the children to BANHAM ZOO on Wednesday 21 July. With the Friends paying for the transport we will only be asking for an entrance contributions (very reasonable). Details to follow.

Leavers' Assembly

This will be at 2 pm on Friday 23 July in Langham Parish Rooms. Everyone is invited—this also marks the end of term.

End of Year Reports

Our end of Year reports should be issued on Friday 2 July.

I hope you enjoyed the 'snippets' we are so lucky to have such a great team striving for success. Best wishes and enjoy the break,

Mike Green and the team.