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Spring Term 2010 - Newsletter 1

Welcome back to the new term. What a start! The weather caused widespread chaos across the County and for St. Lawrence, which like many schools, was unable to open its doors. This will be the first full week in school since the beginning of January, and staff have been working hard to rearrange the planning that was in place for the last two weeks. Do make sure that you adjust your calendars regarding the re-arranged date for the PTA disco and please make a note of your child's Class Assembly date for this term.

Enough said about the weather, I do hope that the holiday was good for you and your family. We have a lot of exciting activities planned for the Spring Term including the residential visit to the CYE Centre based in Chichester Harbour for Years 5 and 6 at the end of March. Other classes are planning visits to explore RHS Wisley and Reception class will be taking their first visit out of school to walk to the park to find out how playground equipment works.

The Parent Induction questionnaire for new parents to the school last term was very encouraging and showed us that parents are confident that we are an improving school. A summary of the results are attached to this letter. We continue to seek parents' views in a number of ways, so please make sure that we hear from you formally or informally during the year, to help ensure that your child receives the very best education possible.

Mrs C. Reynolds **Headteacher**

ATTENDANCE

School attendance for the last half term was 95.4% with nearly 75% of the school achieving an attendance certificate for being in school everyday. These certificates are really valued by the children who try hard to be in school so that their class can win the coveted weekly Star Award for the best attendance. At Christmas the award went to Year 2, I wonder who it will be this half term?

ARE WE NEARLY THERE YET...?

The success of the Christmas Play showed just how much the children enjoy taking part in singing and drama activities. After three excellent performances to 'real' audiences they still had enthusiasm for more. Mrs Mount from 'Mountcast Productions' produced a superb DVD of the performance that will be a lasting memory for children and parents alike. I am sure that you join me in thanking her for the time and effort that she took to get the DVD ready before the end of term, in order that it could be wrapped and put under the Christmas Tree.

PTA CHRISTMAS MARKET

I am very pleased to report that the final total for the Christmas Market was £1,750. This is a tremendous achievement, only made possible by the dedication of the PTA Committee. The money will go towards new equipment for the outside area. Plans to develop and enhance learning outside the classroom have been prepared and it is anticipated that we will be able to make significant changes to one playground before the end of the year. However, it will take a few years to fully redesign both playground areas. Each PTA event raises vital funds to help improve the school further and we thank you for your support.

CHILDREN'S CENTRE

New activities for the 0-5 age range have been posted on the noticeboard and on the school website. If you are interested in further information, leaflets can be found inside the front entrance, or call in and speak to Liz Beck, the Children's Centre Manager, who will only be too happy to speak to you in person.

UK CHAMPION SKIPPING CHALLENGE

On Monday 25th January, Years 5 and 6 will be going to Watford to take part in the first Skipping Championship to be held in the UK. The two teams, Chobham Aces and the Chobham Bees, will compete against 5 other teams. Points are gained for the number of times ten children can skip together in a 15 metre rope. Extra points are awarded for team members running in and out to the 'turners' call. Mrs Carfrae has been coaching the two teams, who have been using break and lunchtimes to ensure that they work together to gain maximum points. It has been great to see them going through their paces and the whole school wishes them the best of luck on Monday!

SWIMMING

Kirsty Johnson, our swimming teacher, has a few places left in her half term Swim School. Details of how to book your place can be found on the poster in the school noticeboard by the pupil entrance.

SPONSORED BOUNCE

On Friday 5th February we will be holding a Sponsored Bounce to raise money for the Surrey Air Ambulance Service. This is our chosen charity for the term and an area of the emergency services that the children saw in action last year when they were at Woking High School for a sports competition. Further information will follow next week and we hope that you will support this venture.

PTA DISCO

Friday 5th February also sees the return of the PTA disco. This was a great success last year and we expect that there will be quite a rush for tickets. Tickets cost £3 and this includes a snack and refreshments for the children. If you would like a ticket/s please return the slip below with the enclosed money to the class teacher. Help will be needed to set up the Hall from 1.30pm - if you're free, please come along and lend a hand!

Diary Dates

January

- 25th Skipping Competition - Yrs 5 & 6
- 28th SATs Meeting for Year 6 - 6.30pm
- 29th Year 4 Class Assembly - 2.45pm

February

- 2nd Huff & Puff Festival
- 5th Sponsored Bounce - Charity Day (Mufti)
PTA Disco
- 9th Wisley Visit - Years 1 & 2
- 11th CYE Residential Meeting - 6.30pm
- 12th Achievement & Attendance Assembly
Finish for Half Term

15-19th HALF TERM

- 22nd Term Starts
- 24th Parents Evening: 3.30-5.30pm
- 25th Parents Evening: 5-7.30pm
- 26th Year 1 Class Assembly - 2.45pm
Deadline for all CYE Residential payments
- 27th PTA Family Weekend

March

- 3rd World Maths Day (Mathletics) Yrs 2-6
- 5th World Book Day / Costume Day
Year 5 Class Assembly - 2.45pm
- 10th Full Governors Meeting - 4pm
- 12th Year 3 Class Assembly - 2.45pm
- 15th All Clubs finish this week
- 17th Interhouse Competition
- 18th SCATs Assembly
- 19th Year 2 Class Assembly - 2.45pm
- 20th PTA Car Boot Sale
- 22-26th CYE Residential - Years 5 & 6
- 24th SATs Meeting for Year 2 - 2.45pm
Skipping Workshop
- 26th Year R Class Assembly - 2.45pm
- 27th Netball Rally
- 29-31st Holy Week
- 30th Achievement & Attendance Assembly
- 31st Church - 9.15am End of Term - 1.30pm

PTA DISCO FRIDAY - 5th FEBRUARY 2010

Name of Child:

Year Group:

My child will be attending the **EARLY BIRDS: 3.15pm - 4.45pm** (Yrs R-3)

My child will be attending the **NIGHT OWLS: 5.15pm - 6.45pm** (Yrs 4-6)

My child is allergic to:

I give permission for my child to attend the PTA DISCO and enclose £3 for a ticket. I fully understand that an adult **MUST** meet my child promptly at the end of the session. This adult will be:

Signed:

Date: