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Thank you to all those parents who were involved in the Children's disco last week. The transformation of the hall into a glittering 'Disco Den' took the children's breath away! Both the Early Birds and the Night Owls were kept fully entertained and I know that the adults were just as tired as the children by the end of the evening. We look forward to next year!

Assemblies recently have focussed on the devastation in Haiti, and to this end the School Council asked that loose change was collected to raise money for the island. Our contribution will be sent as part of the Surrey Heath Confederation donation, where the thirty one schools together aim to raise enough money to rebuild a school on the island. After Half Term the School Council will announce the total we have raised.

The Gardening Club will now be able to benefit from the new mini greenhouse that has been purchased with money donated to the school by ex-parents. To be able to bring on seeds and bulbs under glass will help the children to see how things grow. Thanks must go to Mrs Evers and Mrs Davies, who against great odds, have helped the children prepare the beds for the spring.

This Half Term has not been easy to manage with so much bad weather to contend with. I do hope that the weeks holiday will allow you to feel refreshed and ready for the next half term, and that all families have an enjoyable holiday.

Mrs C. Reynolds Headteacher

WORLD BOOK DAY

BOOK CHARACTER DAY

Friday 5th March 2010 is World Book Day. On this day we will be celebrating by dressing up as our favourite book characters. Every year group (and staff!) will be joining in and we look forward to our annual 'Character Parade' in the morning. Once again every child will receive a £1 book token to spend in a bookshop of their choice. These will go home with the children the following Monday.

BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair will be in school from Tuesday 9th - Friday 12th March in the Music Room. It will be open after school on these days from 3.15pm. Please note that the World Book Day vouchers can be spent at the fair. A certain percentage of the money taken through the book sales is given back to the school to spend on books for the Library.

SPORTING SUCCESS

UK Skipping Championship

On Monday 25th January our two skipping teams (Chobham Aces & Chobham Bees) competed in the first UK Skipping Championship Challenge at Watford. This involved group skipping with a team of ten people jumping simultaneously using a 15m rope - not an easy feat! The children had to learn specific rules, keep to numbered positions and also run in and out of the rope at certain times; all of this scored different points which were added together for a final score. Each team was lead by a 'turner' who called out various instructions and commands to keep their team together and in time. After a fantastic day of competition, both teams emerged victorious taking the overall first and second places! An incredible achievement and we're very proud of all the children who took part and the staff who trained both teams. Each team was presented with a state of the art Panasonic digital camera, for use back in school, and every child received a gift token. All eyes are now on the championships taking place around the rest of the world, as the four top scoring teams will go through to the finals being held in Japan in March - watch this space...!!

Football Results

v Broadmere: won 10:3
v Westfield: lost 6:4

Netball Results

v St. Mary's: won 10:0
v Brookwood: drew 6:6

PARKING

Please can we remind you that parking in the school car park is **not** permitted at either end of the day. The car park is very dangerous and is in constant use by staff, the Children's Centre and delivery lorries. Outside the row of St. Lawrence Houses is private property and our only access point into the school, therefore parking here is prohibited. The community police have been informed and we will not be held responsible for their actions.

VOUCHERS

Over the next few weeks the Tesco and Sainsburys voucher schemes start up once again. Collection boxes will be in the Library for the children to post their vouchers and we look forward to saving up for new Music and PE resources. In addition the Morrisons and Flora schemes are still running, supporting our gardening and cooking equipment.

PTA UPDATE

CAR BOOT SALE

On Saturday 20th March from 10-12pm, the PTA will be holding a Car Boot Sale on the upper playground. Pitches must be booked in advance and are £5 each. Please contact the school office to collect a booking form.

78 CLUB (Nearly the 100 Club!)

Today the January and February draws will be held in the school playground at the end of the day. The results will be posted on the PTA noticeboard after Half Term. Good luck! From the 1st March all numbers will need renewing. Please see Jackie Foreman for further details.

DROP & STOP COFFEE

After Half Term the PTA will be using the Family Room every Friday morning from 8.45-10am as a 'Drop & Stop' coffee opportunity. All parents are invited to stay, once their children have been seen into school. This is an opportunity to make new friends, and find out about the work of the PTA and the school, whilst enjoying coffee and biscuits. Pre-school age children will be very welcome. The first session will be Friday 26th February 2010.

WORKING WEEKEND

Please be aware that the planned working weekend for 27th February has been postponed.

SPONSORED BOUNCE

Every term the school has a different charity focus and this term we have been raising money for the Surrey Air Ambulance. The helicopter, which is based at Dunsfold Aerodrome with its life-saving crew, reduces the delay for patients to receive prompt and appropriate medical care, and is on standby to respond quickly to 999 calls, 365 days a year. However, the Air Ambulance costs £1.7 million a year to run and this life saving service is entirely dependant upon fundraising within the community. We therefore decided as a school to support this worthwhile cause this term.

As you know, at the beginning of February we held a Sponsored Bounce where all the children from Reception to Year 6 got to bounce on one of two giant bouncy castles set up in the Hall for two minutes. The idea was to achieve as many bounces as possible in the time available, therefore raising lots of money. Great fun was had by all and Year 6 helped to run the morning, overseeing the classes and counting all the bounces. Currently nearly £1000 has been raised, which is absolutely fantastic! We look forward to being able to send a large cheque off to the Surrey Air Ambulance after Half Term. Thank you for all your support in fundraising on behalf of the school.

LUNCH MONEY - The cost of school dinners will be £53.20 for the next Half Term.

Diary Dates

February

22nd Term Starts at 8.45am
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

March

3rd World Maths Day (Mathletics) Yrs 2-6
5th World Book Day / Costume Day
Year 5 Class Assembly - 2.45pm
9-12th Scholastic Book Fair in the Music Room
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 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

April

19th INSET - Staff only
20th Term Starts at 8.45am