

Dear Parents & Carers,

We will soon be enjoying our Easter holiday but here are a few updates, reminders and news items to help keep everyone in the picture.

SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

First I would like to say a huge thank you to James Masters and the many other parent volunteers who gave up so much of their time and effort at the weekend (26th and 27th March) to take part in the "Tidy the School" activities. It has made a tremendous difference and enabled a number of exciting projects to be advanced. It also made me aware of how unfit I am when, having moved about two square feet of turf, I had to lie down in a darkened room for an hour to recover!



If you haven't seen the results of all the hard work that took place then do take the opportunity to have a look round. I know that James and others are planning further such events. We could easily qualify for the "Best Kept School Award" at this rate. It's so great to be part of a school where our parents are so supportive and hardworking!



The "Easter Fun Quiz" on Saturday night also proved very successful, if but a little long - that'll teach you to allow me to set the questions.

Thanks again to everyone who contributed to what was a very enjoyable evening. The teachers' team were proud to come last - they tell me this was deliberate so as not to embarrass the other teams! Thanks to Dave Brennan for his "glamorous assistance" with the scoring and organisation of the quiz during the evening - we all very much appreciated his outfit and felt he

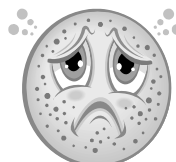
made a wonderful Samantha. The quiz raised £300 which is a brilliant result.



COMIC RELIEF

Another huge thank you is due to Mrs Pennie Parry (Dragon Class) for her organisation of the various events on Friday 18th March - Red Nose Day. Thank you to everyone who took part, dressed up or contributed in any way. We enjoyed dressing up in our wacky costumes although I'm not sure the shoppers at Tesco (Three Bridges) were fully prepared to meet the Phoenix Class clad in their red costumes or me dressed in a green wig and sparkly gold jacket! The cake sale, sponge throwing and talent contest were all very enjoyable. The day raised over £370 for Comic Relief - well done everyone!

MEDICAL INFORMATION



There have been a number of illnesses doing the rounds at school recently including sickness bugs and chicken pox. We are required to abide by specific guidelines regarding when children are permitted to return to school after sickness. These are now available on our school website under the "Office" heading - click on the button marked "Health Protection Agency" to download the infections guidance poster and related documents. If you are in any doubt please check with the school office.

I would also like to remind parents about our "First Aid and Medication Policy" which can also be downloaded from the website. This gives details of the very limited range of things that the school is able to do regarding administering medication etc.

PARENTS FOR LUNCH



No, we're not advocating cannibalism! We are simply reminding you that, each Wednesday lunch time we are happy to welcome a few parents to join their children for a school lunch. There are a fixed number of places available each week so speak to Mrs Lyford or Mrs Stone to book a space. We request a donation of £3.90 towards the catering scheme. If the thought of sharing lunch with your son or daughter is not too off putting then why not give it a whirl. Parents are welcome to join us provided they have a school lunch even if their children do not normally do so.

FORWARD TOGETHER MEETING



A reminder to everyone that our "Forward Together - Aiming High" meeting, following on from the Ofsted Inspection, will take place on Wednesday 6th April from 7.00pm (until 8.30pm) in the school hall. At the meeting we will be discussing the recently circulated plan document and seeking ideas and contributions on specific areas of school work and activity - we hope as many parents as possible will be able to join us. Together we can achieve great things.

EASTER SERVICE



Our Easter Celebration Service will take place on Thursday 28th April at 2.00pm in St Margaret's Church. This is the week immediately after the Easter holiday. All are welcome to join us for what has become a very happy and enjoyable occasion.

ROYAL WEDDING TEA

The School Association will be organising a celebratory tea to celebrate the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton. This will take place at the school immediately after the Easter Celebration Service in the church. All children and parents are welcome to join in this event.



OTHER SCHOOL ASSOCIATION DATES

Friday 1st April - 8.45 Coffee Morning (Studio) all are welcome. We hold these meetings on the first Friday of each month.



Friday 8th April - Non Uniform Day in return for cakes to sell (at 20p each) at 3.15pm. Also please bring any second hand uniform to be sold to help raise funds for the Gardening Club (also at 3.15pm)



Thursday 28th April - Easter Egg Decorating Competition: Paint a hard boiled egg in a creative way. See posters around school for further details.



EASTER HOLIDAY



School closes for the Easter holiday on Friday 8th April - we finish at the usual time of 3.15pm. We re-open on Tuesday 26th April at 8.45am. There is an additional school holiday on Friday 29th April for the Royal Wedding so the school will be closed as is the case on Monday 2nd May when we have the May Bank Holiday.

Yours Sincerely,

Adam J. Earle - Headteacher

CHICKENS: If you have ever thought about keeping chickens but haven't got the space, are prepared to invest a small sum of money and take turns feeding and looking after chickens (at a venue near East Grinstead) and would enjoy some fresh eggs from time to time then this offer could be for you. Billie Blue's mum, Emma Goodwin, is setting up a scheme whereby a number of folk collectively own a small flock of hens, contributing an annual amount of money and taking turns in feeding them. If you are interested then please speak to Emma who would be happy to tell you more.





Dates for 2010-11

SPRING TERM

April

- 1 8.45 SA Coffee Morning (Studio)
- 4 Bags 4 School - Collection 2 Begins
14.00 Dragon & Unicorn Planning Meeting
- 6 19.00 "Forward Together" Meeting
- 7 14.00 Pegasus & Phoenix Planning Meeting
- 8 Non-Uniform Day
15.15 SA Cake & Uniform Sale
End of Spring Term
- 11-21 Easter Holiday
- 22 Good Friday - School Closed
- 25 Easter Monday - School Closed

SUMMER TERM

April

- 26 Summer Term Begins
- 28 SA Egg Decorating Competition
14.00 Easter Celebration @ Church
15.15 SA Royal Wedding Tea
- 29 Royal Wedding Holiday - School Closed

May

- 2 Bank Holiday - School Closed
- 4 Bags 4 School Collection Date
- 9-13 Year Six - Test Week

May (Continued)

- 23 Parents to Bikeability talk 13 30
- 23-26 Curriculum Theme Week
- 26 Full Governors' Meeting
- 27 INSET Day - School Closed
- 30-3 Half Term Holiday

June

- 6 INSET Day - School Closed
- 18 SA Summer Fair
- 27-1 "Bikeability" all week - Year 6
- 30 Full Governors' Meeting

July

- 7 Diocesan Leavers' Service @ Worth Abbey
- 11 Annual Progress Reports
- 22 9.15 Leavers' Service @ Church
15.15 End of Summer Term