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Spring Term 2012 - Newsletter 1

The success of the Christmas Play showed just how much the children enjoy taking part in singing and drama activities, and credit must go to Year 6 for leading a new style performance this year. A different layout in the Hall, coupled with lots of words to learn, 'raised the bar' for everyone and the whole school rose to the occasion! After four excellent performances, the children and staff more than deserved their Christmas holiday! Once again, Mountcast Productions produced a superb DVD of the performance that will be a lasting memory for everyone. More than 50 copies were sold, meaning that the price dropped to £11. Therefore the school office has organised refunds of £4 for every copy sold. Please can all envelopes be collected in person from the office by **Friday 20th January**. If you didn't order a copy of the DVD by the deadline, but would now like to purchase one, please contact the company directly: info@mountcast.com / www.mountcast.com

Over the Christmas holidays, Years 5 & 6 were set the challenge to create an 'Aztec Info. Card' encapsulating everything they had learnt during the previous term. All children returned the work on the first day back, with more than half taking the task on further and creating their own books, newspapers, and even 'Top Trumps' style playing cards. One or two books even came back professionally bound! Some of the work will be on display in the entrance hall for parents to see. We were very impressed with the level of independence shown by the children and look forward to seeing what other project ideas are developed by the children throughout the school.

From the start of this term we look forward to welcoming Mrs Tilbrook to our Governing Body as one of our new foundation governors, and thank her for her support and commitment.

Mrs C. Reynolds

Headteacher

ATTENDANCE

As you will be aware, throughout the Surrey Heath cluster of schools, there is a zero tolerance on taking children out of school during term time. However headteachers may, in exceptional circumstances, agree to authorise certain absence. Unfortunately, despite this message being clear, we currently have a high number of unauthorised absences since September, causing not only us concern, but also the local education office. We have been advised that it may be necessary to enforce a system of fining parents for continual absence, and we need to advise you that the governors are now in the process of considering this measure.

UK SKIPPING COMPETITION

Next Tuesday, two teams of children from Years 4-6 will be going to Slough for the day to take part in the UK Skipping Championships. We will be competing against other schools from around England and we're hoping to bring home the title of 'UK Skipping Champions' once again! 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. The challenge has been set, and we're aiming for over 1000 points this time - the next round of the competition will be held in Japan! Staff have been coaching the two teams and it has been great to see everyone going through their paces; the whole school wishes them the best of luck next week!

PARENTMAIL +PAY

The +Pay system, as part of ParentMail, has now been successfully running since October. It is hugely convenient for parents, as you can not only see an ongoing record of your payments, but also provide online permission for visits and activities, meaning that you no longer have to return the paper forms. The system also reduces administration time in the office. If you have not used +Pay then please find an opportunity this term to try it for yourself.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

It is our custom to invite parents to a Celebration Assembly on Friday afternoons at a 2.45pm. Please join your child for their class assembly on the following dates:

13 th January	Year 5
27 th January	Year 3
3 rd February	Year 2
24 th February	Year 1
1 st March	Year 6 **
9 th March	Year R
16 th March	Year 4

** Please note this is a Thursday

Please be aware that no pre-school age children will be able to join parents in the Hall, but instead they can use the Family Room crèche facilities from 2.45-3.15pm, under the supervision of CRB checked parents.

PE KIT

As part of the curriculum, all children take part in PE lessons throughout the week, several of which are outside. It is vital that everyone has a tracksuit in school for these lessons, as often it can be very cold on the playground/field. A school tracksuit is available from Valentinos if you wish to have one matching the rest of the school PE kit, or you may purchase a navy blue tracksuit of your choice.

CLUBS

All clubs start next week and run for 9 weeks up to the week ending Friday 23rd March. There has been lots of interest and in most cases each club has been oversubscribed. We have tried our best to give everyone the opportunity of attending an activity, and in some cases we have split the children into 2 groups. Can we remind you that if children sign up for a club, then they are **committed for the whole time**. If your child cannot make the club one week (other than for absence from school), please could you let the member of staff know who is in charge, preferably by letter.

PTA DISCO

Next week, Friday 20th January, is the PTA disco. A flier went home this week, which needs to be returned accompanied by the payment, no later than **Monday 16th January**. All tickets will be sorted at the beginning of the week and sent home before the event. **Please be aware that if you have not requested a ticket for your child, then they will not be able to attend.**

UP & COMING!

- Life Bus - Thursday/Friday 26th & 27th January
- Year R - Milestones visit on Friday 27th January
- Drama Workshops - Thursday/Friday 2nd & 3rd February
- Parents Evenings - Tuesday 7th & Thursday 9th February
- Funky Friday - Friday 10th February

Diary Dates 2011-12

January

13 th	2.45pm - Year 5 Class Assembly
16 th	All Clubs begin this week Attendance Clinic
17 th	Panasonic Skipping Competition: Yrs 4-6
19 th	FACT Assembly
20 th	PTA Disco
25 th	8.15am - Communion
26-27 th	Life Bus: Years R-6
27 th	Milestones Visit - Yr R 2.45pm - Year 3 Class Assembly

February

2 nd	Drama Workshops: Yrs R-2
3 rd	Drama Workshops: Yrs 3-6 2.45pm - Year 2 Class Assembly
7 th	4-7pm - Parents Evening
9 th	5.30-8.30pm - Parents Evening
10 th	Achievement & Attendance Assembly 'Funky Friday 3!' - Mufti Day Finish for Half Term

Half Term: 13th - 17th February 2012

20 th	8.45am - children return to school 7.30pm - PTA Meeting
21-24 th	Scholastic Book Fair in school all week
22 nd	9.15am - service at St. Lawrence Church
23 rd	6.30pm - Year 6 SATs Meeting
24 th	Charity Mufti Day - British Heart Foundation 2.45pm - Year 1 Class Assembly

March

1 st	World Book Day / Costume Day! 2.45pm - Year 6 Class Assembly
2 nd	Storyteller visiting school for the day Deadline for final CYE Residential payment
6 th	Cross Country Competition CYE Residential Meeting - Yrs 5&6
7 th	World Maths Day
8 th	FACT Assembly 2.30pm - Year 2 Assessment Meeting
9 th	2.45pm - Year R Class Assembly
13 th	Explore Learning Workshops - Yrs 5&6 Cross Country Competition
14 th	8.15am - Communion 4.30pm - Full Governing Body Meeting
15 th	SCATs Assembly
16 th	2.45pm - Year 4 Class Assembly PTA Quiz Night
19 th	All Clubs finish this week
20 th	Cross Country Competition
21 st	FACT RE Day - Yrs 3&4
22 nd	Interhouse Competition
23 rd	'Funky Friday 4!' - Mufti Day
26-30 th	CYE Residential Visit - Yrs 5&6
30 th	Easter Competition: Yrs R-4 1.30pm - End of Term

Easter Holiday: 2nd - 13th April 2012

All term dates are available on the website