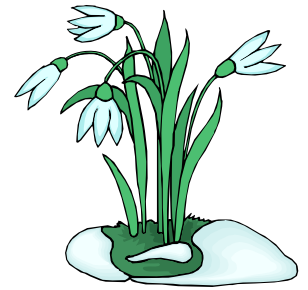


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Dear Parents

ASSEMBLIES

Parents and friends are very welcome to join us tomorrow morning for our KS1 Celebration assembly. We will also be awarding prizes to two Y6 children for their France visit projects. On Friday 23rd January there will be a Y4 assembly.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS AWARD

Our application for the full International School Award has been accepted and work has now begun on ensuring we meet all the criteria for this prestigious award. Look out too for the start of the 'Intercultural club' which will begin shortly.

SATS TESTS

Year 6 will take their mock SATs tests from Monday 26th to Friday 30th January. The actual tests take place during the week beginning 11th May. Please note also that Y2 will undertake their SATs assessments during the first half of the summer term.

"LOVELY LUNCH"

Just a reminder that the Lovely Lunch group, established to help improve school meals, will meet next Tuesday, 20th January, at 6.30pm. Please come along if you can. Thank you to those children who have returned the slip on last week's newsletter, telling us about their favourite and least favourite school lunch. There's still time to send them in, and we really would like to hear from you!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

If you wish to order uniform, please collect an order form from the office. We place an order every Wednesday, for delivery the following day (subject to items being in stock), so need to have your order and payment early by Wednesday mornings for that week's order. Alternatively, you can order direct from NSC on 01789 400344.

GIFTED AND TALENTED SCIENTISTS' DAY

Following our 'Gifts and Talents' week we were able to identify several budding scientists in years 5 and 6. We hosted a science workshop for talented scientists from Park Hill, St John's and All Saints which was led by a specialist Science teacher with a background in Forensic Entomology. The children had a great time working with live maggots! See the back for more!

CHINA INFORMATION EVENING

The evening postponed from last term has now been rescheduled for Wednesday 28th January. We will be sending a letter home shortly.

CHIME CHRISTMAS QUIZ

Tomorrow is the last date for entries! We have received some, but not very many. It was a challenging quiz, so don't worry if you can't answer all the questions – send it in anyway as you could still be in with a chance!

CHESS

There are still some vacancies for the KS2 chess club starting tomorrow – please contact the office.

ROAD SAFETY

One or two parents have been concerned about children crossing the roads around school in unsafe ways. Children learn about road safety at school but please could the message be reinforced at home so that we don't have any nasty accidents.

CROSSING PATROL

There will be no crossing patrol on the morning of Monday 19th January, and possibly no morning or afternoon patrol on Wednesday 21st.

CHRISTINGLE "CANDLE" COLLECTION

Thank you to everyone who returned their candle collecting boxes to school. You raised the grand total of £128.48 for the Children's Society. We know that some people also took theirs to the Christingle Service, so your overall total is actually more than that. Many thanks!

SCHOOL HEALTH DROP-IN SESSIONS

The School Health Team provides an accessible, confidential service to children, young people and their families, carers and members of the community. Lynn Hindmarsh, School Health Advisor is available on alternate Tuesdays at St John's Children's Centre, between 1.30 and 3.00 pm. Dates for this term are 13th and 27th January, 10th and 24th February and 10th and 24th March.

HANDLING TEENAGE BEHAVIOUR COURSE

This 6-week programme, run by Parents Matter, will take place on Mondays from 9.30 – 11.30 am, from 26th January, at Kenilworth Youth and Community Centre. It's intended to be fun and to equip parents with the skills needed for interacting with a teenager! Further details from Vicki Barnes on 01788 331256.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY EVENING – HOW TO SAVE ON YOUR ENERGY BILLS

All residents and businesses of Kenilworth are invited to this evening on Thursday 29th January from 7.00 to 9.30, at the Upper School Hall at Kenilworth School. Find out more about energy-saving and environmental issues – various presentations, electric vehicles from Warwick University and refreshments from Waitrose.

CLAIM A TAX WINDFALL OF UP TO £1000!

One of our parents has kindly pointed out that 31st January 2009 is the deadline for claiming the little-known Children's Tax Credit for the tax years 2001-2 and 2002-3. Anyone with children under 16 during these two years may be entitled to claim benefits of at least £529. This benefit is not means-tested. A claim form may be downloaded from www.hmrc.gov.uk/forms/11ctc.pdf.

Yours sincerely

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