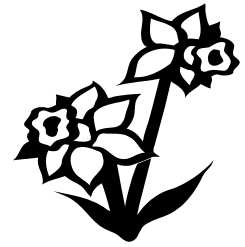


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Dear Parents

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Thanks to Mrs Duffy and year 2, there is a 'Caribbean cakes sale' being held in the hall after school today. Children (and their parents I hope suspect – and hope for that matter!) have been baking Jonny cakes, Banana bread and Rock cakes with authentic recipes and the profit from these will go to Haiti.

The school council would like to thank everyone who has returned their colouring competitions. Monday is the closing date, and the winner will be announced in assembly on Friday next week. Posters will be displayed to advertise the jumble sale the school council will be holding on the Friday of that week.

ASSEMBLIES

Our next "special" is our Celebration assembly on Friday 5th February, then on 12th February we have our Headteacher's Record of Achievement awards.

TRAINING DAY TOMORROW

Please remember that tomorrow is a staff training day, so children will not be at school that day.

PARENTS' EVENING

Parents' Evenings take place on Tuesday 9th February from 3.30 – 7.30 pm and Thursday 11th February from 4.30 – 7.30. Letters are being sent home today – please send in your replies by Monday next week if possible.

Y6 VISIT TO FRANCE, SEPTEMBER 2010

Letters were sent home with Y5 children on Tuesday this week.

PARENTS' FORUM

The rescheduled time for the first Parents' Forum, which many were unable to attend last time, is Thursday 4th February at 7pm. Letters have been sent to those people who originally expressed an interest in taking part, but all parents are very welcome to attend.

CHIME ACTION AGAINST CMS CUTS

The County Music Service is facing very severe cuts in its budget which will have a major impact on musical education for children across the county. Please read the letter from CHIME which is being sent home today and contact your councillors to ask them to reconsider and reject these proposed cuts. Please encourage your children to send emails/letters too as this will also help.

3 MEN, 2 DISCIPLINES, 1 GOAL

As mentioned last week, Andy Cherry, Kevin Purdy and Richard Ward are in the final stages of training for the "Chilly Duathlon" – a gruelling Run – Cycle – Run off-road in rural Warwickshire on 6th February. Sponsor forms and more details are being sent home today – please support our athletic trio!

CHIME AGM

This will be at 7.30 pm this evening at school – please come along if you can.

SWIMMING AND DINNERS

Letters about ordering school meals after half term and swimming lessons for Y3 and Y5 will be sent home next week.

SPRING CONCERT

Having changed the date for this concert to Tuesday 16th March, we have now realised that this clashes with the dress rehearsal for a County Music Service production which involves a number of our children. We have therefore decided to bring the concert forward by a further week to Tuesday 9th March. There are also CMS events later that week but as far as we are aware there is no direct clash. We have busy children and setting dates can be a challenge!

MUSIC LESSONS

A few parents have enquired about their children starting instrumental lessons. With the exception of Suzuki violin lessons, which children can begin in KS1, children are normally offered music lessons from Y3 upwards. Letters will be sent to parents of children in Years 2 to 5 in the summer term explaining the options available.

ANNUAL SURVEY OF PARENTS' VIEWS

Each year the governors send out questionnaires as part of our ongoing self-evaluation. Your children should be bringing these home within the next few days. This is our annual exercise for seeking your views on a formal basis, although of course we are glad to have your opinions at any stage in the year!

OLD CAMERAS (that work!)

Thank you – we have received a couple of these – and are most grateful.

CROSSING PATROL

There will be no crossing patrol on Thursday morning next week.

FOOTBALL PRACTICE

Football practice is taking place on Thursday lunchtimes, so children will need to have their kit in school.

MAD SCIENCE

Letters were sent home earlier this week giving details of the additional courses being run after school on Wednesdays. Further copies are available from the office if needed.

FREE SWIMMING

Following the item in the newsletter two weeks ago, we have been informed that applications for free swimming passes for under-16s can be made at Warwick District swimming pools at any time, not just on the dates mentioned in that newsletter.

A HISTORY OF THE WORLD

The Waverley Wood Palaeolithic hand axe, as featured in the BBC's "A History of the World", will be on show at St John's Museum in Warwick on Saturday 30th January from 11 am – 3 pm. There will be various activities including cave paint and spear making! Details from www.warwickshire.gov.uk/museum or phone 412500.

Yours sincerely

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