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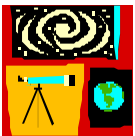
Friday 25th January 2008

A New Year

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2008! The year has started well at school with much excitement and activity.

Science Day

A brilliant day. Real science. Class 3 and 4 children thoroughly enjoyed designing, making and carrying out a fair test to decide what made the most efficient balloon buggy.



In the afternoon, Class 5, worked on investigations through the context of earth, moon and space.

New Face to the School

The premises committee decided it was time to improve the front of the school with new windows to Class 5. The white frames are not only more aesthetically pleasing but also energy efficient too. Class 5 spent the day working hard in the hall whilst their classroom was in pieces!

Burglaries

Can we ask everyone in the village to be extra vigilant. There have been burglaries at several local schools recently, so it is all the more important around the school. If you do see anyone within the grounds, out of hours, please contact the police immediately. Or, alternatively, if you hear the alarm ringing, please contact Mr Bygrave on 890233. We will endeavour to keep all entrances locked and gates closed during school times.



Head Lice

The problem of head lice is never far away. **Please would you check your child's hair each week.** We do hold an Information sheet issued by the Health Authority regarding the detection and treatment of head lice, a copy of which



can be obtained at the Office. Without regular checks this problem will persist. We have been advised by one parent that Boots sell a very efficient comb called 'Nit Free', which can be purchased for £10.

Water



Can I remind you of the importance of sending your child to school with a water bottle each day. Our brains need regular sips of water to replenish them and enable us to function at our best.

Bird watch

The children are taking part in the RSPB Big Bird Watch for Schools. This is from the 21st January to the 4th February. We will be counting the birds that visit the school grounds and our new bird table. This has been purchased with some of the funds raised from the Fun Run last summer.



Ten Year Olds Have Their Say

Following class work with Mrs Drage on the environment, Class 5 looked at how traffic affects Cogenhoe. They sent an email of their concerns to the Police Community Support Officer, and the Parish Council. The Parish Council were so impressed with their suggestions, they are looking into the possibility of another zebra crossing.



Childrens' Views

A sample of children across school were interviewed about their views on aspects of school life that focus on the Every Child Matters outcomes:

- Being healthy
- Staying safe
- Enjoying and achieving
- Making a positive contribution
- Achieving economic well-being

The feedback was very positive, with all but 2 responses having a score of 4 or 5 (1 being low, 5 being high).

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Actions for school in response to the questionnaires include improvements to the use of the toilets (actioned by School Council in a letter to their classmates) and more access to water (please see the request above). We will continue to monitor and aim to ensure the best possible environment for our children.©



Dates

Tuesday 29th January- School Association Fun Night
Thursday 31st January- Community Health Event
Thursday 7th February- Class 3 Assembly
Thursday 7th February- Drug Education evening, 7.00 pm. *This date to be confirmed in a separate letter.*
Monday 11th February- Dance Festival at Wollaston
Wednesday 13th February- School Association Disco
Thursday 14th February- School closes for half term break
Friday 15th February- Teacher Training Day

Active Mark

The Active Mark is awarded annually nationwide across the UK. It rewards delivery of the National P.E. School Sport and Club Links strategy. We were assessed again for this award through a national school sports survey, and we are pleased to have been awarded the Active Mark again.

Community Event

We are pleased to host a special Community Event next Thursday, 31st January, after school, for all our families and the community.

The theme is 'Health' and representatives from Drugs Education, Substance Abuse, Police and Nursing will be available to give advice and information for you and your children.

Theme Week

We are looking forward to another Theme Week, following the success of previous years' work. This year we are hoping for volunteers from Travel and Road Safety fields of work. Can you help us? Week beginning 11th February.

Cool Milk



If your child has milk, you will now be able to pay the school milk bill at any PayPoint outlet showing this sign, and you will receive a receipt confirming payment. Most PayPoints outlets are open from 7am – 11pm.

Term Dates

An up-to-date list of term dates for January 2008 to July 2009 was sent out with each child last week. If your child has not given you the term dates list, please call in at the office to collect another copy. Please note that on the Friday dates where it states school closed, to clarify the situation I would confirm that it means school closes at the end of that day, and not that Friday is a Training Day. All Training Days are clearly marked as such.



With best wishes

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