

Summer Newsletter No. 3 July 2008



Dear Parent or Guardian,

The end of term is approaching rapidly with staff working hard to complete reports, organise activities, outings and special events. As I write, the **Year 6 Camp is underway** and we extend our best wishes and gratitude to staff involved. **Likewise, the Year 5 French cultural visit** was an overwhelming success. The extensive organisation and the 24 hour staff support associated with such ventures is greatly appreciated as it is extremely tiring and involved.

Yours faithfully,

K.M. Hinshaw
Heateacher

PTA Functions

Thank you to the PTA for their hard work over the past few weeks. The **Sponsored Swim** has been a great success this year, thanks to the 'envelope system' as



initiated by Mrs Patch and Mr. Paul. We have raised £2,600.00 so far. Please hand in any outstanding funds from sponsors by next week.



The **BBQ** had poor weather but it is always warm and sunny in our hall!

The event was a great success and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who refused to let the weather dampen their spirits. Thanks again to all **staff** that assisted and our wonderful **BBQ Team/Committee**: Mrs Baker, Mrs le Prevost, Mrs Bromley, Mrs Way, Mrs Patch, and in particular to Mrs de la Mare for baking and arranging the meat from Forest stores and Mrs Cowley-Grimmond for all the shopping and those delicious 'Stars and Stripes' cakes (I enjoyed some surplus slices today and can confirm that they are tasty....too tasty!). **Mrs Feak and Mr Morgan** did a stalwart job on the BBQs and the food was beautifully done.... not *charred* at all!



Next PTA fundraiser: - 'Been ThereDone That!'

This will be circulated in October and funds collected after the half-term break. It is an easy, fun fund-raiser and we look forward to your usual fantastic support.

Shoebboxes Please remember the PTA Shoebox

appeal which will commence early next term. If you buy new shoes over the summer, please keep the boxes for us to use in October.



Read, Write Inc.

Next term we shall continue with Read, Write Inc, and Fresh Start, a scheme designed to improve reading and writing through focused teaching of phonics. This has had a positive impact upon basic literacy standards and enables all pupils to work at a level commensurate with their attainment and potential.



Please visit:-

www.ruthmiskinliteracy.com

and open 'parents section'. Within this you can open an informative letter or download the PowerPoint slide show which teaches children the correct sounds in a fun interactive way.

Staffing and Classes

Sadly we **say farewell to Mrs Malley** who has been at our school for 24 years. She is a lovely person and she will be sorely missed for her considerate nature, diligence and attention to detail.

Mr. Paul will move into Year 5 with Mrs Feak and he will take over responsibility for the Junior Department. Mrs Hand will teach with Mrs David in Year 6 and Miss Lane will teach with Mrs Brown in Year 3 and Mrs Bott will take the Year 4 class.



Miss Lihou is moving into Year 1 to teach with Miss Mills and Mrs Morgan will take the Year 2 class for the coming year. Miss Murphy will initially be working throughout the School and will support specific staff and certain curriculum areas, whilst Miss Dale and Mrs Bellinger will continue to work with the Reception children.

We should also have a new Office Administrator by September, as **Mrs Camara** is leaving to return to banking. She has been charming and efficient at all times, and she too will be missed.

X-treme Reading Challenge!

As part of our celebration for 'The National Year of Reading,' we are holding a competition for reading in an unusual place or in an unusual way. Please bring in photographs ready for September.



You might also like to take part in 'Team Read' at the Guille-Alles Library. It's fun and it's free! Children are given an amazing 'moving image' membership card, a folding chart and stickers as they read their way to gold level. Team Read begins on Saturday 19th July.

Important dates

8th-11 th July	Year 6 Camp
11 th July	Reports to Parents
14 th July	School Swimming Sports 1pm
15 th July	Y4 Fun Day
16 th July	Y5 Fun Day and Y6 Leavers' Evening at 6.15
17 th July	Y3 & Infant Fun Days
18 th July	1pm School Ends
1 st Sept.	Staff Training Day
2 nd Sept.	Pupils return to school.

