

**Parents Newsletter No. 1  
Spring Term 2009**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to 2009 – it seems two minutes since we were celebrating the Millennium and now 2010 is fast approaching. Thank you for your support leading up to and during the Christmas period.

Yours faithfully,

K.M. Hinshaw  
Headteacher

**Pens for Sale**

May I remind you that we have blue gel pens with re-fills available for just £1. This is a bargain price for such an excellent pen.

**Games/PE Kit**

Firstly can I thank those parents who have encouraged their son/daughter to bring their kit to school and also for teaching lace tying (a vital skill!!).

We still have problems with some pupils, many of whom are regular offenders. We have ceased lending kit for two reasons:-

- 1) it means some children rely on borrowing rather than organising themselves.
- 2) the kit is not always returned.

**PLEASE DO ALL YOU CAN TO ENSURE THAT THE CORRECT GAMES/PE KIT IS BROUGHT TO SCHOOL.**

**Football**

We have moved the boy's football club to commence after half-term and the girls club will now take place in the summer term.

The weather has conspired against us and by doing this; it saves the uncertainty for all parties. Hopefully it will stop raining soon!

**Christmas DVD's**

If you still wish to purchase a DVD of a Christmas performance, please send in £10 together with a written request stating whether it is for the Infant Nativity or for the Christmas Carol Service.

If you have paid and not yet received a copy, please let me know and I shall order afresh.

**New Entrants for September 2009**

We have thirty three pupils already enrolled for our Reception classes next year. If you have a child that is starting school in September, please enrol as soon as possible to help with our administration and preparation.



**NEW Lunch-time arrangements  
IMPORTANT**

To improve hygiene and general management of lunch-times we are making a few changes.



We are introducing anti-bacterial cleanser for the tables, anti-bacterial hand cream for Staff and we continue to expect pupils to wash their hands. We also wish to encourage re-cycling hence we will be asking pupils to put all waste, including food, into their lunch-box to take home.

This will have the added benefit of enabling you to check what is eaten and thereby plan for the future.

**Thematic Teaching**

We are increasing the emphasis upon topic/thematic based teaching to involve and interest pupils. You will be invited to view the children's work once it is completed. No doubt you will be aware of this work as the children will have told you – they are so excited by their new tasks. On Monday the Infants commenced "**Storyland**". Year 3 is studying a local Roman wreck and Year 4 is arranging a Tudor Banquet. The Staff have planned very carefully to ensure that key areas of the curriculum are covered and to ensure learning is FUN. Years 5 and 6 will do their topics next term



**Year 5 French Trip**

Please can you confirm by half-term (13<sup>th</sup> February) and speak with the class-teacher, Mrs Bott or myself if you have any concerns.

**Film Show**

This Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> at 5.20 – 'KUNG-FU PANDA' PG Years 2-6 £1.00

**URGENT -Head Lice – Please check and treat as we have increased in cases of infestation at the moment**

**Key Dates**

3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb.	8.45am Heather Chan (Nurse) Drop in
10 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	11+ NVR & English
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Education Board Visit
12 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Y3 Roman Evening for Parents
<b>13<sup>th</sup> Feb.</b>	<b>HALF TERM starts at 2.50pm</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Feb.</b>	<b>Return to school at 8.35am</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Reading and Spelling Test week
5 <sup>th</sup> March	7pm P.T.A. Meeting
5 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Creative Week
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Parents' Presentation Evening
12 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening
13 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Parents' Evening 3-6pm
16 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 ESB begins
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Eisteddfod display
27 <sup>th</sup> March	West Midlands Theatre Co. (£1 per family)
27 <sup>th</sup> March	5.30pm & 6.30 pm P.T.A. Disco
30 <sup>th</sup> March	House Matches
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>1pm END OF TERM</b>