

Dear Parents,
We welcome this opportunity to say thank you, for all the help and support that you give to the school. It is always greatly valued. The year ahead will be one of challenge and excitement, as your governing body seeks to find the right head teacher, to build upon all the great work that Mrs Jennings and the staff have achieved, and built upon over the past, and continue to do so. We will seek to keep you informed as to what is happening.

Mike McGill *Chair of Governors*

Year 6 Challenge 23rd September 2009

Our Year 6 children took part in their annual challenge with a 16 kilometre walk from Burnham Deepdale to Wells along the coastal path. The weather was great, spirits were high and everybody had a great time! Thanks to Mrs Jennings, Mrs Jarvis and Mrs Green for their valiant determination to keep up with the children.

International Week

Our International Week was a great success. The children spent the week finding out about different countries around the world. Activities included map work, food tasting and art. Norway class made comics based around a Norwegian story and Tanzania class compared different communities. Thank you to all parents who came along to support our open afternoon.

Aquathlon

Well done to our intrepid Aquathlon team who came second in the Cluster Aquathlon competition. Several children came second and third in their 'waves' and Joshua came first. Altogether a fantastic effort.

Football Matches

On 25th September, the school football team played their first league match of the season away to Brancaster Primary School. It was a very tense and tight match with the final score being 4-2 to Brancaster. We have been drawn against Brancaster in the league cup and are looking forwards to another thrilling encounter. Many thanks to those parents who helped with transport and washed the kit after the match.

Rachel Vincent

Bags 4 Schools

Many thanks to all the parents who cleared out their cupboards and brought in their unwanted clothes for recycling. The PFA will let you

know how much they have raised once they have all been sorted and weighed.

Crucial Crew

Norway and Tanzania classes had an amazing time when they took part in the Crucial Crew workshops at Greshams Prep School. They learnt a huge amount about how to keep safe which included resuscitation and being rescued from a burning house! Look out for the photographs on our school website.

Y6 Induction, Alderman Peel High School

Year 6 attended a number of different lessons when they visited Alderman Peel including Maths, Science, French, Business Studies, Spanish, Art and English. The children particularly enjoyed adding chemicals to water in science and taking part in a quiz using remote control handsets in maths.

Phonics Workshop

Miss Vincent presented a phonics workshop for parents of children in the Nursery, France and Germany classes. Feedback from parents was very positive so I'm sure Miss Vincent can be persuaded to do it again for parents who missed it.

Rats

You may be aware of the rat problem in the bus turning circle. The matter has been referred to the Environmental Health Department who are trying to ascertain both the source of the problem and the ownership of this area. The matter is in hand and will be dealt with as soon as possible.

Parent-Teacher Consultations

Thank you for signing up for these. If you haven't done so, there is still time as they are to be held on Tuesday 3rd November and Wednesday 4th November.

Energy Busters

Year 6 are going to become Energy Busters next term when they plan how to reduce our energy bill and help the environment. Perhaps they will be able to help you reduce your energy bills at home too!

Year 5 Language Day

As part of their introduction to high school, Year 5 will be visiting Alderman Peel High School on 5th November to be introduced to a variety of different languages.

Norfolk Children's Book Award

We will receive a visit by the new town librarian, Debbie Crown, who will introduce the Foundation Stage and KS 1 children to a set of books from which they can vote for their favourite.

Macbeth

Norway class will be going on a theatre trip to the Corn Exchange in King's Lynn to see Macbeth performed by Shakespeare 4 Kidz.

Walking Through the Jungle

France and Germany Classes will also be going on a theatre trip to the Playhouse Theatre, Norwich to see Walking Through the Jungle.

Clubs

Table Tennis Mondays 3.15 to 4.15

Table Tennis Club will be open to eight children from Madagascar class next half term.

Sport (KS2) Tuesdays 3.15 to 4.15

Cookery (Y6) Tuesdays

Gardening Club restarts in February

Chess Thursdays 3.15 to 4.15

Choir (KS2) lunchtime

Sport (KS1) Thursdays 3.15 to 4.15

Maths Games Friday

Film (Y5 & Y6) 3.15 to 4.15

Maths Games Library Friday 3.15

There are places free for KS1 children. See Miss Dowler if you are interested in joining the maths games library

PE Kits

PE is an important part of the National Curriculum. Children do PE at least twice a week. Please ensure their PE kits (shorts, t-shirt and plimsolls and/or trainers) are at school on a Monday and stay here for the whole week.

Homework

Homework is an important part of children's learning. It is the opportunity for parents to participate in their children's school work and reinforce the learning that takes place at school. It is also good preparation for when children go to high school where they have to complete a considerable amount of homework. Please ensure your child's homework is back at school on time.

Christmas Productions Dates

Foundation & KS1 9th & 10th December 9.30

KS2 14th & 15th December 9.30.

Attendance

Please remember to phone by 9.30 if your child is absent from school due to ill health. Unexplained absences are recorded as unauthorised absences.

The Royal British Legion

The Royal British Legion Poppy appeal collecting box will be in the reception block foyer until the 10th November. The new type poppy has a peel and stick pad attached to the reverse and so no need for pins this year! Please do help to support this worthwhile cause.

Bug Busting

Please remember to carry out the usual bug-busting routine before your children return to school.



Please do have a safe and relaxing holiday and we look forward to welcoming you all back after the half-term on Tuesday 3rd November 2009 at 8.50am. Please remember Monday 2nd November is an In-service Training Day.