



NEWSLETTER - 8th January 2010

Welcome back! We hope you had an enjoyable and healthy Christmas holiday. The staff and Governors would like to take this opportunity to wish all families and children a happy and prosperous new year.

Christmas Celebrations

Thank you to all the families who supported our Christmas celebrations from the Christmas performances, Christmas Fayre, the Santa Sleigh evening, children's discos and the Christmas family service in the church. It was a busy but enjoyable time for the children and we are extremely grateful for the support we received from the whole school community. A particular thank you to the PTA, and parents who helped at events and Martin Shaw for running the children's discos.

Rising Fives Applications

We would like to remind families that the closing date for applications for Reception in September 2010 is on Friday 15th January. All applications should be returned to school as soon as possible to ensure you are allocated a place in a Coventry primary school for the next academic year.

School closures

As you are aware a few primary schools in Coventry have been closed for a day this week. We endeavour to keep the school open when possible but if there are any future incidents when it becomes increasingly wintry and the school will have to close please listen to the bulletins on the local radio or access this information at www.coventry.gov.uk/schoolclosures

Thank you to the parents who were able to bring their children to school this week despite difficult travelling conditions. The children have been enjoying the snow in school, but please remember to wrap them up warm and send a change of footwear to prevent them sitting in wet clothing during the day. Please make sure all items of clothing are named - we have a lot of lost property and unclaimed socks, gloves and even coats in school!

Curriculum maps

This terms curriculum guidance will be sent out to families next Friday - 15th January. These will provide an overview of the skills your children will be learning this term and their curriculum theme. We hope you find them useful and supportive.

Attendance

A letter with your child's attendance figures for the Autumn term have been sent home today. We hope this information is interesting and supportive to parents rather than waiting to receive it in July. Please remember to telephone school on the morning your child is absent and leave a message explaining their absence.

During the Autumn term we registered 136 lates. Whilst we appreciate that occasional lateness cannot be avoided due to practical arrangements or traffic, it is important to stress that lateness can affect a child's learning and may leave them feeling unsettled as they have missed important teaching that is needed to complete activities during the day.

Extra curricular Activities

There are still spaces available on the after school clubs which have started this week, i.e. Digital Animation Yrs 5 & 6 Monday and Yrs 3 & 4 Tuesday; Football Yrs R - 4 on Wednesday; Netball Yrs 4-6 and Tennis all Yrs on Thursday; Drama Yrs 3-6 on Fridays which starts on 15th January. Please let the school office know if your children wish to join.

Positive Parenting Course

Don't forget to sign up for our positive parenting course which starts next Tuesday, 12th January at 7.30pm. Please let the school office know if you will be attending.

ICT Parents Course

You will have received a flyer this week on this course, *Internet Safety Guide for Parents*. It starts on Thursday 14th January 3.30-5.00. Don't worry if you cannot stay for the whole time, you are able to come in later and leave earlier if you wish.

A crèche is available for pre-school or KS1 children but remember to book early as there are limited places.

Tissues - If you have any spare boxes at home we will be very grateful to receive them. Thank you.

Egyptian Day - Year 4

Unfortunately the Egyptian Day was cancelled due to the weather. The company delivering the activities thought they would be able to travel, but unfortunately the condition of the roads prevented this, despite their attempts on Friday morning. This day will be rescheduled and a new date will be circulated as soon as possible. Thank you to Year 4 parents for their support and costumes. Please send in any outstanding money as soon as possible- the contribution is £5.00. Thank you.

Diary dates for the Spring Term

8.1.10	Year 2 visit to Warwick castle
8.1.10	Year 4 Egyptian day
12.1.10	Positive Parenting Course 6pm - 7.30pm
15.1.10	Closing date for Rising Fives Application
20.1.10	Healthy lunchboxes workshops for parents
27.1.10	Year 5 trip to the Space Centre
3.2.10	SEN parents meeting - 7pm
8.2.10	Parents Consultation 4-6.30pm
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15.2.10	Half term holiday
12.3.10	Year 2 class assembly
19.3.10	Year 1 class assembly
26.3.10	Year 4 class assembly
2.4.10	Easter holidays begin
19.4.10	Summer term begins

