



## **NEWSLETTER - 15<sup>th</sup> January 2010**

### **Healthy Schools**

With the start of the new year we are focussing again on healthy lifestyles. You should have received a letter this week explaining the performing arts sessions the children will be enjoying next week and also inviting you to a workshop or drop in session with our community nutritionist. Please come along and get some new ideas of how to encourage your children to enjoy healthy lunches as well as recipes for healthy eating on a budget. The workshops are at 9.00am and 2.30pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January and then the nutritionist will be holding a drop in session after school at 3.30pm.

### **ICT Parents workshops**

We had to cancel this week's session due to the bad weather. Our family learning teacher will be available in the ICT suite from 3.30pm - 5pm next Thursday, so if you would like to develop your computer skills and learn alongside your child, then please contact the school office or complete the reply slip below. A crèche is available for pre school children.

### **Year 4 Egyptian Day**

This day has been rescheduled to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January after being cancelled last week as the history company were unable to travel to Coventry. Thank you to the parents who prepared Egyptian costumes for their children - we look forward to seeing all of these throughout the day during 29th January.

### **Home Access Grant**

We have been asked to notify parents of a new grant that has become available for families to provide a computer or access to the internet for one year.

#### **Are you eligible?**

If you are a parent and think you are eligible for a Home Access grant simply call the Home Access Grant Helpline on **0333 200 1004** to get an application form.

#### **Quick eligibility check**

Have a look at the eligibility requirements below. You may be able to qualify for a Home Access grant if you:

- Answer yes to three questions in Section one AND Answer yes to at least one question in Section two

#### **Section One:**

Are you a parent or guardian responsible for and living with a child....

...who is in school years 3 to 9?

...who attends a state-maintained school in England full time

...who has not already had a computer from a Home Access Grant or similar programme, such as Computers for Pupils?

#### **Section Two:**

Do you receive at least one of the following?

- Free school meals for your child
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income support
- Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and an income of less than £16,040
- Guaranteed Pension Credit (not Savings Credit)
- Income-based Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

**Before and After School Club**

During last year we consulted with parents about the possibility of setting up a before and after school club but at that time had a limited response. A few parents have asked again about the likelihood of this and so if this is something you feel you would like to have access to then please complete the reply slip below outlining how many sessions you would use and whether this is before or after school. Thank you.

**Extra Curricular Clubs**

We have availability on all clubs but numbers are particularly low for the Year 3 & 4 Digital Animation Group on Tuesdays and the Drama club on Friday afternoons. Please let the school office know if you would like to book a place for your son or daughter.

**Please note the Year 5/6 Animation club will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January next weeknot Monday.**

**Diary dates**

- 20.1.10 Healthy lunchboxes workshops for parents
- 27.1.10 Year 5 trip to the Space Centre
- 29.1.10 Year 4 Egyptian day
- 3.2.10 SEN parents meeting - 7pm
- 8.2.10 Parents Consultation 4-6.30pm
- 9.2.10 " " "
- 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

**Parents ICT Sessions - Starting Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January**

I wish to attend the above course. I will / will not require Creche facilities.

Signed ..... Child's Name .....

**Before and After School Club**

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| I would be interested in my child / children attending | Morning Sessions only      | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|  | After School Sessions only | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|  | Both Sessions              | <input type="checkbox"/> |
|  | Individual Sessions        | <input type="checkbox"/> |

No. of children .....

Signed .....

