

Ofsted Inspection

As you will be aware, the school is to undergo an Ofsted Inspection during the week beginning 1st March. Thank you to the parents/carers who responded by completing the two questionnaires sent to you last month. About 50% of our parents/carers replied. This is considered to be a high level of response by Ofsted.

David Manuel, who is leading the inspection team, visited the school on 27th January. Thank you to those parents/carers who attended the meeting with him and Sandra Simmons (the Section 23 Inspector) during that evening.

School Parent Governors

Last month, parents /carers were invited to stand for election to the school's Governing Body. Unfortunately, we did not receive any nominations. Due to this

outcome, the governing body has asked Mrs Anne Easthope to continue as a parent governor. She has very kindly agreed to do so. However, we still have one vacancy. If any parent/carer is interested in filling this position, please feel free to contact Mr Saunders (without obligation).

**School Premises Improvements**

During this week and the half term holiday, eight classrooms are having 'fire exits' constructed through existing windows. Plans are already in place to keep the disruption of lessons to a minimum.

During the next two months, work will be taking place on the construction of two 'mini' classrooms adjoining Class 3B. The new rooms will provide the school with much needed multi-purpose accommodation for work with small groups of children, including peripatetic music tuition.

The work will also provide additional cloakroom space and refurbished toilets for Year 3. The present outdoor access to Class 3B will be closed for the duration of the work. Again, we have plans to keep any disruption to a minimum.

Sporting Successes

Netball: The school's netball teams enjoyed their recent matches with Radipole Primary School drawing one match and winning another. Well done to the team members. A special thank you to Mrs Dyke, Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Wilkes for their excellent coaching of the teams.

Football:

The school's football teams continue to impress with their match results. The 11-a-side team recently won a cup match against St Osmunds Middle School and drew 2 - 2 with Westhaven Junior School in the same competition. A replay

with Westhaven is being arranged. Well done to all the team members.



Hair Styles

A number of parents/carers have recently enquired as to the school's policy concerning children's hairstyles. The following is not considered appropriate for school:

- Brightly dyed, tinted or highlighted hair.
- Long beaded strands (unless tied back) or hair extensions
- Any hair style considered to be extreme in nature

Long hair should always be tied back. We would appreciate your support of this policy. Please feel free to consult with Mr Saunders if you have any concerns about a hairstyle change.

Computers

During the last two weeks, the ICT room has been fitted with 16 additional computers bringing the total available to 33. This improvement means that

every child visiting the ICT room will have the opportunity to work individually on their own computer. This, along with the installation of broadband, has brought about a significant improvement in the school's ICT provision, which will greatly impact upon children's learning opportunities.

School Council Litter Campaign Poster Competition

The School Council has recently organised a litter poster competition. About fifty pupils entered the competition and the standard of the posters was very high. The School Council Executive judged the entries and decided that the following were outstanding:

Year 3: Amy Perkis 3S
Year 4: Laura Wilkins 4H
Year 5: Suzanne Avis 5B
Year 6: Michael Allen 6P
Overall Winner:
Abbi Graham 3R

Friends Association

Thank you to those parents/carers who helped at the children's discos on Friday.

The next 'Friends' event is the Easter Bingo being held on Wednesday 24th March, starting at 6.30 pm (eyes down at 7 pm). We hope that all the members of the family will come along and repeat the success of the Christmas Bingo.

Forthcoming Events

Year 6 SAT's Evening - Wednesday 27th February at 7 pm.

Parents/Carers with a child in Year 6 are invited to attend an evening where Mrs Dyke will give an explanation of the national Standardized Attainment Tests (SAT's) which the children will experience in May. (Week beginning 10th May). Suggestions will also be available on how parents/carers can help prepare and support their child.

A Reminder

The Spring half-term holiday starts at 3.15 pm this coming Friday (13th February). School re-opens at 8.45 am on Monday 23rd February. We hope that everyone has an enjoyable week.