

School Annual Review

I am pleased to inform you that the school recently underwent its annual joint review in consultation with a representative of the LEA. The outcome was very positive with the school being categorised as an 'effective school'. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to this outcome.



'Red Nose Day' Friday 11th March

Thank you to everyone who bought a red nose – we sold all 420 noses in just three days! This means that £282 has already been raised for the charity.

The School Council has declared 'Red Nose Day' a non-uniform day in order to raise further funds. On 'Red Nose Day', the children will have the option of not wearing uniform to school but they will be expected to pay 30p for the pleasure. The children may also paint their faces and use non-permanent hair dye to colour their hair (available in the red nose boxes). Colourful wigs are also welcome!

Talent Show

The bi-annual Talent Show is being planned for the evenings of Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd March. Many children are at present auditioning. The auditions must be something like a scene from 'Pop Idol' or the 'X Factor'!

The shows will be all ticket and further information will follow shortly.

Friends

The next event to be organised by the Friends will be children's discos on Friday 22nd April.

The date for this year's Summer Fayre is the evening of Friday 1st July.



'Fruit & Veg Days'

Many thanks to everyone for their support of the 'Fruit and Veg' days on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I am particularly pleased by the positive attitude of many children to the scheme.

Last week, all the children were provided with the opportunity to try a variety of fruits and vegetables in class – these

included fresh pineapple, mango, dried dates, cucumber and cauliflower. We hope that this tasting session will help children to realise that these fruits and vegetables are not only healthy foods, but many taste pretty good as well. It is our intention to go to five 'fruit and veg' days per week as from September.



The 8.43 bell

Thank you to all the parents/carers who have been leaving the playground at the ringing of the 8.43 bell. It would be greatly appreciated if all parents/carers left at that time so that the children can easily line up at 8.45.

Football Success



Last week, the girls' school football team participated in the County 7-a-side qualifying competition at the Purbeck School, Wareham. The girls played four matches, winning one, drawing two and losing the other. They finished in third place overall, just missing out on a qualifying place for the final tournament. Congratulations to the girls and thanks to Mr Brittain for his coaching.

London Marathon Run

One of our parents, Andrea Stroud, is running the London Marathon on 17th April. She is running to raise money for the Motor Neurone Disease Association (MNDA) to buy a piece of equipment to enable people suffering from the disease to communicate after they have lost the ability to speak.



If you would like to support her by making a donation to this worthy cause, you can do so by making a pledge on the form held at the school office by the Friday before the marathon. We wish her well.

A Reminder

School closes for the Easter vacation at **2.15 pm** on **Thursday 24th March**. School re-opens for the new term at 8.45 am on **Monday 11th April**. I hope that everyone has a restful and enjoyable vacation.