

This is the first newsletter of what will no doubt prove to be a very busy summer term.

Road Safety

At the end of last week, a car struck one of our children just outside our High Street school gates. Fortunately, the child was not seriously injured as he was struck by the car's wing mirror. However, the incident could easily have resulted in more serious injury.

I would remind car drivers that it is unlawful to park or stop on the yellow zigzag lines in front of the school entrance. For the sake of our children, please take every precaution when parking by and driving past the school.

I would also remind parents/carers that they must not drive into the school car park to drop or pick up children at the start and end of school.

SAT's 2005

A reminder that all Year 6 children will be involved in the national Standardised Attainment Tests during next week. It is very important that all the children attend school



during the week and I urge parents/carers to do all they can to ensure that their children are available to take the tests. Other year groups will also be participating in similar tests.



London 2005

During the week following the Easter vacation, over 90 Year 6 children visited London for five days. During that time they visited such attractions as the Science Museum, the Houses of Parliament and the theatre. A great time was had by all.

It was especially pleasing to receive an email from a retired headteacher praising the behaviour and caring attitude of our children. Well done to everyone and many thanks to the members of staff and other adults who accompanied the children. A special 'thank you' to Mrs Dyke for her superb organising of the visit.

Musical News

After the experience of singing at the Royal Albert Hall, on Friday twenty members of the school

choir will be performing in a concert at the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra Centre. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children and reflects greatly upon the quality of music within our school.



Sporting Success

Following the success of the school football team in the Nash Cup, last week the netball team won the South Dorset Schools Knock-Out Cup. The final against St Augustine's RC Primary School was held at Southill Primary School. The team came back from 4-1 down to draw 5-5. It was decided that the teams would share the trophy. Congratulations to the team members and many thanks to Miss Humphrys, Mrs Mitchell and the other members of the coaching team.

Last Saturday, eight members of Year 4 represented the school at a swimming gala. A very exciting evening was had by all and successes were gained in the relay and individual events. Well done to all involved.

Tesco 'Computers for Schools' vouchers

Thank you to everyone who has donated their Tesco vouchers to the school. Our target is 6,000, which will enable us to receive a digital camera. At the present time, we have almost 4,000 – further donations would be much appreciated! The last issue day is May 15th.

Interactive Whiteboards

All twelve classrooms have now been fitted with interactive whiteboards, which really enhance teaching and learning opportunities. We hope to provide parents/carers with the opportunity to experience the boards at an evening session during this term. Further information will follow.

Moonwalk 2005

Two of our parents, Clare Purnell and Alison Dunford, are taking part in the Moonwalk 2005 on 18th June, to raise money and awareness for breast cancer research and cancer care. Clare and Alison will power walk 26.2 miles through the night, around London.

If you would like to support them by making a donation to this worthy cause, you can do so by making a pledge on the forms held at the school office by Friday 17th June. We wish them both well.

'Minibeast Madness'

Year 3 and Year 4 are at present in rehearsal for a production of a musical called 'Minibeast Madness'. It is planned for the performances to take place on the evenings of Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th May. Further information will follow.

Talent Show Tapes

Unfortunately some of the Talent Show tapes have a fault. If you have a faulty tape, please return it to the school office and we will make arrangements to order a replacement.



Dates for your diary

Monday 16th – Friday 20th May
Monday 30th – Friday 3rd June
Friday 10th June
Thursday 16th June
Wednesday 22nd June
Tuesday 28th & Wednesday 29th June
Friday 1st July
Tuesday 5th July

Monday 11th July
Tuesday 12th July
Tuesday 12th – Friday 15th July
Friday 15th July
Tuesday 19th July
Wednesday 20th July
Thursday 21st July

Year 4 to Leeson House
Half-term vacation
Children's Discos
Governors' meeting (7.00pm)
'London Evening' for Year 6 Parents/Carers (6.30pm)
'Beethoven to Beatles' Concert (7.00pm)
Summer Fayre (5.30pm – 7.30pm)
Open Evening for Parents/ Carers of children in Years 3, 4 & 5 (5.00pm – 7.00pm)
Transition Day for Year 2 and Year 6 children
Year 2 Parents/Carers Evening at Junior School (7.00pm)
Year 6 children involved in Primary College
Year 6 Leavers' Disco (6pm – 8pm)
Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (2.15pm)
Sports Afternoon (1.00pm)
End of Term (2.15pm)

Further information on many of these events will follow.

