

### School Annual Review

Last week, the school was visited by its School Improvement Partner (SIP) whose task it is to assess the quality of all aspects of the school and its management. Many positive remarks were made about the school, its staff, pupils and governors with sound suggestions for improvement. The final assessment was that this is a 'successful school.'



### Data Collection Sheets Years 4, 5 & 6

In an attempt to bring all pupils records up to date, we will be sending home a data collection sheet for each child. These sheets include the following information that we currently hold on record – name, date of birth, address, contact telephone numbers, free school meal, surgery and medical information, ethnicity, language and religion. These sheets will be sent home with your child in a sealed envelope. If you have any objection to us sending this information home with your child, please contact the school office by Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

### Safety

From recent observations, the school has become increasingly concerned by a number of issues relating to the safety of adults and children on the school premises. I would ask all parents/carers to consider the points I am about to raise and to act accordingly:

***Please ensure that the path which runs alongside the school car park is used to enter or leave school. Recently we have observed children running or walking through the car park with cars manoeuvring.***

***Drivers, please do not use the school car park to drop off or pick up children as this causes congestion and may result in serious accidents with pedestrians and other car users.***

***Please do not park on the zigzag lines in front of the High Street entrance or directly in front of the Victoria Road gates.***

***I would ask that parents/carers with young children on site to maintain a close observation and control of them. We have recently had children climbing on raised beds, benches and school gates which may cause injury or damage.***

Thank you for your co-operation – the safety of everyone is paramount.

### School Uniform

Thank you to the one hundred parents/carers who responded to the letter on the issue of school uniform. The great majority of responses (83) were in favour of the National Schoolwear store in Weymouth selling our uniform. However, the Governors are aware of the issues of price, quality control and accessibility and will give due consideration to this matter.



### School Nurse 'Drop-In' Sessions

Julie Heath, our school nurse, will be holding drop in sessions from 8.45 – 9.30 am on the following Thursdays.

28<sup>th</sup> February  
13<sup>th</sup> March  
17<sup>th</sup> April  
15<sup>th</sup> May  
19<sup>th</sup> June  
17<sup>th</sup> July

Julie is located in the Medical Room; please feel free to drop in if you have any health or developmental concerns about your child.



### **Breakfast Club – an offer which is hard to refuse!**

The school has been running a breakfast club since the beginning of the school year. Numbers attending have fluctuated during this time and we are now having only a small group of children attending on any one morning.

The children who attend seem to enjoy their breakfast of toast, cereal and juice and the convivial atmosphere. However, for the club to continue in the long term we do need more children to attend. As from after half-term, we are reducing the cost of the breakfast club from £2 to £1.50 per day. If your child attends for the full five days, we will only charge you £6 - buy 4 get one free! The club is open from 8 o'clock each morning. We look forward to seeing your child there.

### **Eco Bottles**

Thank you to everyone who has purchased an Eco Bottle from the school. We have sold out for the second time and are expecting another delivery after half term.

### **Parent/Carer Forum**

My thanks to the parents/carers who attended the meeting last month. It proved to be a very useful meeting where we discussed a number of issues relating to the school and its services. The next meeting will be held in June and we would welcome more of you to attend. Further information will be available later in the year.



### **Congratulations to Gryphon House**

Congratulations to Gryphon House for winning the House Point Trophy for January - their first success of the year. It is certainly a very close race for the House Cup which will be awarded to the winning house in July.

### **Friends Association**

The Friends have arranged children's discos for this Friday. Tickets are available from the school office price £2. Adult volunteers would be welcome.

Yrs 3&4 – 6.00 'til 7.30pm  
Yrs 5&6 – 7.45 'til 9.15pm

### **Photographs**

Class group photographs will be taken on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Asda 'Go Green for Schools' Vouchers**

Thank you to everyone who has donated these vouchers. We would welcome more as they will enable us to receive environmental studies equipment such as wormeries!

### **A Reminder**

The school will close at 3.05pm on **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February** for the half-term vacation (Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February is a staff training day). The school re-opens at 8.45am on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.