

Network

Please remember to check the new Network board by the old PE store in the playground. This is where you can advertise things that you want to sell, swap or even give away! You will also find details of our Wider Learning activities there. We already know that there is a lot of interest in the IKEA trip but if there is anything else you would like us to organise, then please let us know.

Help!

Did you get a letter asking for volunteers to be Parent Networkers? PLEASE do think about it. All you would have to do is talk to other parents/carers in the playground - be an informed friend. No training required. Just be a good friend and encourage people to come along to school functions, help in class and on visits etc.. No strong arm tactics! We really feel that this could make a positive difference so please do go and talk to your child's class teacher about it. You could do a 'job share' with a friend. Thank you - Mrs Sloan.

Skipping Workshop

An exciting time was had by all at the skipping workshop held on Tuesday. Skipping ropes can still be purchased at school - children's ropes £4 each.



'Big Read' Appeal

As you may be aware, we are collecting unwanted children's reading books to send to Sierra Leone. Collection boxes are in the school entrance area. The collection ends on Friday 6th February - any children's books would be most welcome.

Inter- House Competitions

The inter house football competition is drawing to an exciting close with a number of houses still in the hunt for the championship. This week, the inter-house netball competition began with a 7-3 win for Phoenix over Gryphon.

Friends Discos

The Friends have organised two discos for the evening of Friday 6th February. Due to rising costs, the price of a ticket will now be £2.50; the first rise in many years.

Tickets will be on sale at the School Office from Monday. The discos are at the following times:

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

Any offers of help on the evening would be welcome.



Sporting Successes

Congratulations to the school netball team for winning two recent matches - an 8-3 success against St. Osmonds Middle School in the knock-out cup and 6-1 a win over St. John's Primary School in the league.

Cycling to school/House sweatshirts

Recently, the School Council sent parents/carers a questionnaire concerning the possibility of providing cycle racks at school and whether or not they would be willing (subject to cost) to purchase a 'hoodie-style' house sweatshirt for their children.

The responses were very much in favour of both proposals – 170 out of 177 responses in favour of the school providing cycle racks and allowing children to ride to school and 160 out of 177 responses in favour of the sweatshirt in the house colours.

The School Council will now investigate the cost implications of the proposals and will inform parents/carers of the outcome in the near future.

Congratulations to House

Congratulations to Unicorn House for winning the House Point Trophy for January. It is certainly a close run competition to see who will be the ultimate winners in July.



Year 4 Leeson House Visit

During the week beginning 9th February, Year 4 will be off to stay at the Leeson House Education Centre near Swanage. We hope that they will all have a great time.

A Reminder

The school will close for the half-term vacation at 3.05pm on **Thursday 12th February** (Friday 13th February is a staff training day). The school re-opens at 8.45am on Monday 23rd February.