

Headteacher's Headline 21st July 2009 – No 12



Special thanks

This has been another busy and successful term. There are so many people who work to make this school outstanding and I would like to thank everyone who has worked so hard for the children.

Particular thanks go to all the staff who do so much more than their job descriptions, the parents who help in school in so many different ways; Mr Wilkes who has set up the gardening club and inspired so many children to 'go gardening'; Mrs Ogwo who keeps the library so tidy and maintains the science garden with Mrs Good; Mrs Bowen, who plays piano every week for our worship assemblies; the class reps who organise help in class and at school functions, the parents who change home readers and library books and everyone else who gives of their time.

The PTA co-chairs, Lucinda Baker and Fenn Lumsden, have done an amazing job again this year and a huge amount of money has been raised. Recently we have been able to purchase some role play equipment for the classrooms as well as our theatre visits, visiting experts and some trips. Thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA events and indeed those who have organised them - you really do make a difference to your child's education.

Southwark Diocese Leavers Service

This year our Year 2 children went to St. Peter and St. Paul's School in Chaldon for the Southwark Diocese Leavers Service. We were joined by four other schools and we held our service in the school hall. Afterwards the children then walked down to the village Church - one of the smallest Churches in the South East and learned a little about its history. After this we walked back to the school and had a picnic lunch on their field. The children had a lovely time and made some new friends from different schools. Many thanks to all the parents who accompanied us on this trip.

Milk and fruit in September

The NHS fruit and vegetable scheme will continue in September but the first delivery will not be in time for the 3rd so please send a piece of fruit in with your child if you wish to on the first two days.

If you wish your child to have milk then please sign up or renew your order on the Cool Milk website www.coolmilk.com our school code is 6768.

Parents' Forum

The next meeting will be arranged at the beginning of the autumn term with Mr Cole. All parents are welcome and we can accommodate pre-schoolers, so please come and join us. It is an opportunity to help the school move forward by making suggestions and giving a parent's perspective on school matters. It is chaired by the head teacher and a representative of the governors is usually in attendance.

Swine Flu

We have been receiving advice throughout this term about swine flu. The most recent advice from PCT, HPA and SCC is that we are certain to be facing swine flu next term and that it is very likely that the illness will be very widespread. It would be foolish however, to try to issue guidance now for September and so during the holidays the school will receive updated information regarding school closures in time for September. Could I therefore ask you all to keep an eye on the website at the beginning of September as we will post any further information regarding school closures here. Many thanks and I hope you all have a healthy summer!

Farewell

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your tremendous support and friendship over the years. I have been here for about 7 years and have become almost part of the furniture. It will be very difficult to leave here as it is such a lovely place to work - the staff here are so incredibly dedicated, the parents passionate about their children's education and children are an absolute delight to teach and be with. It has been a real privilege to watch them grow and move on to their next school and then some of them even come back to visit - it makes me feel terribly old! However the time has come to move on. I will always treasure the time I spent here and would like to thank all of you for your kind thoughts and words. God Bless and have a lovely summer.

Diary Dates:

SUMMER TERM 2009	
21 st July	Leavers' Service (Mrs Wombwell is hoping to attend) 1.45pm - 2.45pm
22 nd July	12.00 - 1.15 pm: picnic on the field (weather permitting)
22 nd July	Term ends at 1.30pm
	SUMMER HOLS
AUTUMN TERM 2009	
2 nd September	Term begins INSET DAY
3 rd September	Children start back
23 rd September	Year 2 visit Brighton Sealife Centre
28 th September	PTA AGM 7.30pm in the Hall
1 st October	Prayer Group 9.00am in the staffroom
6 th October	Year 1 visit Brighton Toy Museum
26 th - 30 th October	HALF TERM