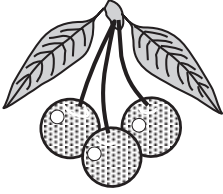


**DORMANSLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL
Newsletter
JANUARY 2010**



Name.....

Class.....

Dear Parents,

It now seems a little late (this newsletter was ready to go out last week) but a Happy New Year to you all! Thank you for all your understanding during the difficult conditions we have had over the past two weeks. The weather forecasts are now looking more positive and everyone in school is looking forward to starting the term properly next week.

CAROL SERVICE COLLECTION

Thank you for your generous donations to The Children's Society at our Carol Service - the sum raised was added to St. John's donation to this very worthwhile charity.

PTA

Thank you also for all your support for the PTA Christmas Fair. The fair raised over £3200 - a fantastic amount for a school of our size *and* in the middle of a recession *and* an increase of £400 on last year! Thank you very much indeed to every one who worked so hard to make the day a success and to everyone who came along to support the school on the day.

LEARNING PLATFORM

During the closure, teachers worked hard to put work for the children on the learning platform. Well done to everyone who logged on with their children and had a go at some of the activities. The log in figures for each class since the beginning of January are:

Reception	15
Year 1	54
Year 2	55
Year 3	83
Year 4	48
Year 5	34
Year 6	68

The learning platform is an excellent way to keep children's learning going if (heaven forbid) we do need to close the school again and it is also a good way to check what homework your children have been set. If you have lost your child's username and password, please ask at the office for a reminder.

OUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

I had planned to write to you about our New Year's resolution this year which is for everyone to make sure that they arrive at school on time. After the events of the past two weeks, however, we have got to the point where we are happy to see people arriving at school at all!! Nevertheless, in normal circumstances punctuality is something we need to improve, so more details in the next newsletter.

PAYMENT FOR ART WEEK, SCIENCE WEEK AND FRIENDSHIP DAY

As the previous few years, to reduce the number of times when we ask you for contributions, we have lumped together the payments we request for Art Week, Science Week and Friendship Day, and are asking you to make one payment of £6.00 to cover all three events. Please send this payment into school before half term, in an envelope clearly marked with your child(ren)'s name(s). Cheques made payable to Dormansland School Fund, please.

Of course, as always, if you are experiencing financial difficulties and are in receipt of Job Seekers' Allowance or Income Support, please come and see us in confidence to discuss what help we may be able to give you.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Warm congratulations to Miss Robinson who is expecting a baby in May. She is planning to continue working until towards the end of April. We shall be recruiting a teacher to cover her maternity leave and will let you know once we have made an appointment.

YEAR 3 ASSEMBLY

Due to the school closures, we are postponing the Year 3 class assembly for one week until 29th January. This is the same afternoon as Infant and Junior sharing, so to fit in both events, the assembly will be a little earlier at 2.30 pm.

PANTOMIME

Sadly, the enforced closure on the last day of term before Christmas meant that the children missed the pantomime that we had booked. The drama company very kindly agreed to a new date for the performance, which will now be today, Friday, 15th January.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Please ensure that you have given us an additional emergency contact number for someone other than yourself and/or your partner. We have had some instances where children have been quite ill but we have had to keep them at school because no additional contact was provided and both parents were not obtainable. If you do not have any relatives living close by, other parents are often willing to be an emergency contact for your child and to take them home if they are ill. However, we must have your permission before we are able to send your child home with anybody other than yourself.

SCHOOL CLUBS

School run clubs will start week beginning 18th January.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jane Cowley
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 15 th January	pm	Pantomime for children
Friday 29 th January	2.30 pm	Year 3 class assembly
	2.45 pm	Junior and Infant sharing afternoon
Wednesday 3 rd February	evening	PTA fashion show
8 th - 12 th February		Science week
Friday 12 th February	2.45 pm	Science week exhibition PTA Cake Sale (infant donations, please)
15th - 19th February		HALF TERM
Tuesday 23 rd February		Dental talk for children in Years R, 1, 2 and 3
	3.30 - 6.00 pm	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 24 th February	3.30 - 8.00 pm	Parent Consultations
Thursday 25 th February	am	Fire safety talks for Y2 and Y5
Tuesday 2 nd March	4.00 - 5.00 pm	Governors' curriculum committee
Wednesday 3 rd March		Boys' football tournament
Friday 5 th March	2.45 pm	Year 5 class assembly
Tuesday 9 th March	3.30 - 5.00 pm	Governors' finance committee
	5.00 - 6.00 pm	Governors' personnel committee
Wednesday 10 th March		Boys' football tournament
Wednesday 17 th March		Boys' football tournament
Thursday 18 th March	2.00 pm	Years 4, 5, 6 Swimming Gala, Brambletye
Friday 19 th March	2.45 pm	YR class assembly
Tuesday 23 rd March	4.00 pm	Full governing body meeting
Friday 26 th March	2.45 pm	Open afternoon PTA Cake Sale (junior donations, please)
Tuesday 30 th March		Easter Egg Hunt
Wednesday 31st March		Easter service at St. John's for children only
		SPRING TERM ENDS
Monday 19th April		SUMMER TERM STARTS
19 th - 21 st April		Residential visit to Hindleap Warren for Y4 and Y5
Monday 3 rd May		Bank Holiday
Tuesday 4 th May	2.00 pm	Maypole dancing (infants)
Thursday 6 th May		Class photos
Monday 10 th - Friday 14 th May		National Curriculum Tests week
Tuesday 11 th May	4.00 pm	Governors' Curriculum Committee
Tuesday 18 th May		Year 1 trip to Borde Hill
	3.30 pm	Governors' Finance and Premises Committee
	5.00 pm	Governors' Personnel Committee
Friday 21 st May	2.45 pm	Year 4 Assembly
Thursday 27 th May	2.45 pm	Infant and Junior sharing afternoon
		PTA Children's Disco

Friday 28th May		INSET DAY
Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June		HALF TERM
Monday 7th June		INSET DAY
Tuesday 8 th - Friday 11 th June		Art Week
Friday 11 th May	2.45 pm	Art Week Exhibition
Monday 14 th - Friday 18 th May		Year 6 residential trip to Osmington Bay
Saturday 26 th June		PTA Summer Fair
Tuesday 29 th June		Junior Sports Day
Wednesday 30 th June and Thursday 1 st July		Induction days for Surrey secondary schools
Friday 2 nd July		Reserve date for Junior Sports Day
Friday 16 th July		Reports sent home
	2.45 pm	Open afternoon
Thursday 22 nd July		Chequer Mead School Performance
Friday 23rd July		END OF TERM