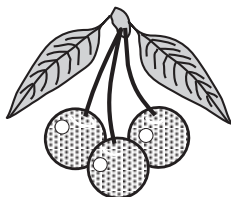


**DORMANSLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Newsletter**

**OCTOBER 2009**

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Name.....

Class.....

Dear Parents,

First of all, welcome to our first ever fully electronic newsletter. All those of you who have signed up to Parentmail will be receiving this letter a few days earlier than our normal Friday letter day. If you would like to sign up for email newsletters, please contact the school office.

### **TWO FANTASTIC AWARDS!**

We have recently heard that we have won two awards. One is the first prize in the Primary Schools Local History category of the national Young Historian Awards which was won by children from last year's year 3. A range of work was entered, and the judges were "very impressed by the types of activity undertaken, proving that enquiry-based learning is quite within the scope of Year 3 pupils; they found the visual material very exciting - one of the judges actually said that she could recognise the models as being specifically from East Grinstead!"

Congratulations to the children in Year 3 for their excellent work and to Mrs Stirrat who organised the entry to the competition.

The second is an award from the Surrey Gardens Trust. Children from last year's year 6 put together a design for a garden area in the new early years area and submitted it to the Trust to try to obtain funding - and they succeeded! They were awarded £250 which will be used to provide a garden area for our youngest children. Once again, congratulations to the children for their excellent design ideas and to Mrs Douch for organising the entry.

### **LE CLUB FRANCAIS**

French club, run by Mrs Wood, will be starting up on Mondays, 3.30 - 4.30pm for juniors and Thursdays, 3.30 - 4.30 pm for infants after half term. This is a fun way for your child to practise their French with songs and games. If you would like your child to attend, please ask for details at the school office.

### **ALLERGY WATCH**

Please be careful when sending in birthday cakes or sweets to your child's class that you avoid anything which contains nuts. As you know, we have a number of children in the school with serious nut allergies. (We have noticed that 'Celebrations' in particular have a lot of sweets containing nuts or coconut.)

### **ASTHMA INHALERS**

If your child has an asthma inhaler in school, would you please ensure that:

- It is still in date!
- It is clearly labelled with your child's name and any dosage instructions.

## **NO SWIMMING ON 11<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

Apologies - there will be **no swimming** on 11<sup>th</sup> December, contrary to what you were previously told. The payments that you have made do not include a session on 11<sup>th</sup> December, so there will be no refund, I am afraid!

## **E COLI and SWINE FLU**

Fortunately, we have not been informed that anyone from the school has been affected by the recent local outbreak of E Coli. However, I would just like to remind you that any children who have a tummy bug should remain away from school for 48 hours after the last episode of sickness or diarrhoea. This is to help to prevent the spread of the illness through the school.

We keep being told that swine flu will be on the increase in the autumn, so please would you also help to keep our children healthy by ensuring that they know how to use a tissue and wash their hands properly afterwards.

## **REMINDERS**

### **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

If you are in receipt of any of the following you are entitled to free school meals for your child:

- Income support
- Income Based Job Seeker's Allowance

- Child Tax Credit, provided that your annual income is less than £16,040 and you are not in receipt of Working Tax Credit
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

The Inland Revenue provides the necessary documents which you will need to show the school at the beginning of every term to prove your eligibility.

Please contact the school office in confidence to take up the offer of free schools meals.

Even if you do not want your child to have free lunches, it helps the school to obtain extra funding if we have an accurate picture of the number of families who are entitled to free school meals, so please help us by letting us know, in confidence, if you are entitled to them.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jane Cowley  
Headteacher

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	1.15 - 2.45 pm	Year 6 Bikeability
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October		Spring born Reception children start full time
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October		Individual school photos
	3.30 pm	Governors' Finance and Premises Committee
	5.00 pm	Governors' Personnel Committee
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	2.45 pm	Infant and Junior sharing afternoon
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30 - 6.00 pm	Parent/teacher consultations
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	3.30 - 5.00 pm	Parent/teacher consultations
	6.00 - 8.00 pm	
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	11.00 am	Harvest Festival, St. John's Church
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October		HALF TERM
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November		Book Week starts
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	3.15 - 3.45 pm	Scholastic Book Fair open for book sales
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> November		Favourite Book Day - come to school dressed as your favourite book character.
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November		Book swap
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	4.00 pm	Full Governing Body Meeting
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	7.30 pm	PTA meeting
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	2.45 pm	Year 2 class assembly
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	7.00 pm	PTA 'Mamma Mia' evening
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	2.45 pm	Year 1 class assembly
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December		Friendship Day
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> December		PTA Christmas Fair
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December		Reception Summer born children start full time
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	2.45 pm	Open Afternoon
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00 pm	Infant Nativity Play
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	2.00 pm	Infant Nativity Play
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	11.00 am	Christmas Carol Concert, St. John's Church
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December		TERM ENDS
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January		INSET DAY
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January		TERM STARTS FOR CHILDREN