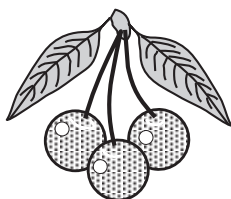


**DORMANSLAND  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**Newsletter**

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Name.....

Class.....

Dear Parents,

I hope that you are all receiving your newsletters through Parentmail without any problems. If you have experienced any hitches, please let us know.

**HARVEST FESTIVAL COLLECTION**

Many thanks to everyone who contributed so generously to our Harvest Festival collection. £160.00 was raised and sent to WaterAid, to help provide access to clean, safe water for children in developing countries.

**CHILDREN IN NEED**

On Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> November, the School Council will be raising funds for Children in Need by holding a "Stripey Socks and/or Funny Hat and/or Bring your Teddy Day". For a donation of 50p, children will be able to wear stripey socks or tights and/or their own choice of hat. Or they could bring their own teddy to school for a 50p donation. If they want to do both socks/hat and teddy, the donation is £1. All other elements of the school uniform will remain the same!

**CLARINETS IN YEAR 5**

Yet again this year, we have been able to provide instrumental tuition to every child in Year 5. The children have just been given their instruments and many homes throughout Dormansland and beyond are now resounding to the sound of clarinet practice! The children are lent their instrument free of charge and receive one hour's class tuition each week.

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROVISION**

We have been making somewhat slower progress towards providing after school care than we had hoped. Issues concerning the financial viability of the service have held us up and we have had some lengthy discussions with SureStart, who we hope will be providing start up funding. Once short and long term financial viability have been established, we shall put in our application for funding, with a view to starting the service at the beginning of the **Summer Term**. Once we are certain of the funding, we will be inviting parents to pay a deposit to reserve places for their children.

**DAY OF LANGUAGES**

We had a really successful day of languages this year, organised by Miss Lauder and very well supported by a number of parents who gave very generously of their time and linguistic abilities! Each class adopted a different country for the day and found out all sorts of information, as well as tasting typical food and trying out some words of the language.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL**

Two members of our School Council, Jasmine Maguire and Lois Drummie, are representing Dormansland on the Tandridge Youth Council. They have come back from their latest meeting with some exciting news - 'Tandridge's Got Talent'. This competition is open to the junior children, who will have a chance to show off their talents at an in-school audition. The winner will perform at a festival at De Stafford school in front of an audience of hundreds! Would be competitors will need to sign up by **Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> November** on the children's notice board in school.

**ROAD SAFETY POSTER COMPETITION**

Dormansland Road Action Campaign (DRAC) have asked me to let you know about their competition for the children to design a poster for their road safety campaign. They say:

'We think the traffic is going *too fast* through our village. Can you design and produce an A4 poster with immediate impact which asks the traffic to s-l-o-w d-o-w-n through the village, in a fun and eye catching way? The winning entry will be chosen as The Poster for the village campaign. Please produce your poster

to be handed in to the school office by Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November 2009.'

### **NEW LEARNING PLATFORM**

You should all have received your child's user name and password for our new learning platform. If you haven't done so already, ask your child to show you what is on the learning platform - there are samples of recent work, links to help your child with their learning and of course, those all important weekly spellings and homework.

### **FREE BROADBAND AND COMPUTER**

We have just heard about a new scheme to be launched in January next year to provide some families with a grant for free broadband and a laptop computer. To be eligible for the scheme, families must have a child aged 7-16 and be entitled to free school meals.

The scheme is likely to be rolled out slowly in different areas to ensure it works smoothly. 250,000 families should benefit from the first wave. I will let you have more details as soon as they are available, but meanwhile you can register your interest by letting us know if you are eligible for free school meals. You do not have to take them up if you don't want to; just let us know that you are in receipt of any of the following:

- 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.

### **CHRISTMAS IS COMING!**

Advance notice of the days and times for our Christmas celebrations:

The **Infant Nativity Play** this year is 'The Animals' Tale' and will be performed to parents of infant children in the school hall on two afternoons, Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00 pm. The dress rehearsal will be performed at 2.00 pm on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> December.

As last year, we are inviting parents with babies and young pre-school children to come to the dress rehearsal and request that these young children do not come to the two performances. Thank you.

All the children, both junior and infant, will be taking part in our Christmas Carol Concert at St. John's Church on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00 am, with a rehearsal at the Church on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December at 11.00 am.

As with the Infant Nativity, this year we are inviting parents with babies and young pre-school children to come to the rehearsal on Wednesday and request that these young children do not come to the Carol Concert on Thursday. Thank you.

There is no need for tickets for any of our Christmas events - just come along on the day.

### **REMINDERS**

This newsletter is available on our website, [www.dormansland.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.dormansland.surrey.sch.uk), via email, or in large print on request.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jane Cowley  
Headteacher

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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	12.00 - 2.00	PTA Christmas Fair
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> December		Reception Summer born children start full time
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> December		Children's Christmas lunch
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
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	2.45 pm	Year 3 class assembly
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	2.45 pm	Junior and Infant sharing afternoon
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February		Science week
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	2.45 pm	Science week exhibition
15 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup> February		HALF TERM
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	3.30 - 6.00 pm	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	3.30 - 8.00 pm	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	4.00 - 5.00 pm	Governors' curriculum committee
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	2.45 pm	Year 5 class assembly
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30 - 5.00 pm	Governors' finance committee
	5.00 - 6.00 pm	Governors' personnel committee
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	2.45 pm	YR class assembly
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	4.00 pm	Full governing body meeting
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	2.45 pm	Open afternoon
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March		TERM ENDS