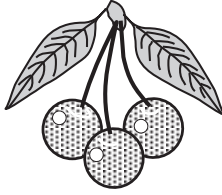


## DORMANSLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL



### Newsletter: June 2010

Dear Parents,

The warm weather has finally arrived as we go into the last very busy weeks of the Summer Term, filled with class visits, sports days, our Junior production and events for our Year 6 leavers.

#### **THIS YEAR'S JUNIOR PRODUCTION - 'CINDERELLA ROCKERFELLA'**

As you will probably know by now, this year's summer production is 'CINDERELLA ROCKERFELLER', a pantomime version of the well known fairy tale. Rehearsals are going well so don't miss out on the chance to see your child performing in a real theatre! The show will take place at the Chequer Mead Theatre in East Grinstead at 7.30 pm on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Tickets for the performance are on sale now from the Theatre box office and cost £7.50.

On the day of the performance the whole school is at the theatre. Important information will be coming out to you next week regarding the arrangements for bringing children to and collecting them from the theatre, so please look out for this.

#### **SPEEDWATCH IN DORMANSAND HIGH STREET**

This week and next week, children from Year 6 have been taking part in a 'Speedwatch' exercise in exceeding the 30mph speed limit. The speeding drivers are given a choice: accept a fine or explain to the children why they were speeding. The children make them aware of the increased risks of a fatal injury from cars travelling at 40 mph rather than 30 mph. (In a collision, a child hit by a car travelling at 40 mph has an 80% risk of being killed; at 30 mph, this risk is reduced to 20%). All the drivers agreed to have the discussion with the children and many said that they would think much more carefully about their speed in future.

#### **DORMANSLAND AFTER SCHOOL CARE CLUB (DASCC)**

Dormansland After School Care Club will soon have been running for one term. During this time we have received many positive comments about the success and running of the Club. Much of this success must be accredited to Mrs Lochhead and Mrs Eaton who have been extremely committed to ensuring that your children really enjoy their time at the Club.

We hope that the Club will continue to grow and evolve and always welcome any feedback and suggestions that you might have to facilitate this. Allowing existing users to be able to book 'ad hoc' sessions was one suggestion that we have now included.

If you would like to make use of the club for your children next term, please ask for the office for an application form. Sessions run every day up to either 5.00pm at a cost of £8.00 per child or to 6.00

pm at a cost of £11.00 per child. Payment is half-termly in advance; we will be issuing invoices in July and would like your payment before the end of term please. Cheques will not be banked until 1<sup>st</sup> September and you may issue a post-dated cheque for this date if you wish. We are able to accept child care vouchers - please ask at the office for details. Existing users will have priority on places, but at present we have space available on all days of the week.

### **NO SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN ON THE PLAYGROUND UNTIL 8.40 AM**

It's always good to see children arriving at school on time, but recently we have had a number of children arriving at school as early as 8.25 am. No supervision of children is provided until 8.40 am and so these children are quite vulnerable. Please stay with your child until the teachers come on to the playground at 8.40 am. If you do need to drop your children off early, please make use of our breakfast club which looks after children from 8.00 am until school starts and provides them with a cooked breakfast at a cost of £3.00 per child. There is no need to pre-book, just turn up on the day.

### **GET WELL, BOB!**

Our chairman of governors, Bob Charlton has been unwell recently. I am sure that you will want to join with all of us in wishing him a speedy recovery.

### **TRICKY GATE AT THE MEADES ENTRANCE TO SCHOOL**

Parents returning their children to school after medical or dental appointments sometimes drop them off in the Meades or in New Farthingdale and allow them to walk the short distance to the school alone. However, most children are not tall enough to operate the safety latch on top of the gate and so cannot get into school! To date, we have spotted them from the office and gone out to rescue them, but there is a worry that no one will see them and parents will already have driven off. So, please escort your children up to the gate if you bring them to school outside the usual arrival times.

### **PTA YEAR 6 £5.00 CHALLENGE - Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2,45pm**

This year, the PTA has given our Year 6 children the opportunity to fund raise as a way of saying "thank you" for their time at Dormansland. Each child has been given £5.00, with the challenge of increasing this amount in some way. Many ingenious ideas have been developed and you will have the opportunity of supporting the children in their endeavours on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> July, when the children will be marketing their products - all profits to the PTA!

### **SCHOOL POLICIES ON WEBSITE**

A number of school policies are now available for parents to read on our school website, [www.dormansland.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.dormansland.surrey.sch.uk). These are:

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|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Anti-bullying policy         | Attendance policy            |
| Child protection policy      | Drugs policy                 |
| Food policy                  | Homework policy              |
| Recording and marking policy | Teaching and learning policy |

### **FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLES AT PLAYTIMES, PLEASE**

Please remember that we only allow the children to have fresh or dried fruit and./or vegetables as a snack at playtimes. Other fruit based products, such as fruit bars, are not allowed.

**REMINDER - EARLY CLOSURE ON FRIDAY, 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

This year we shall be holding our School Improvement Planning afternoon on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> July. On that afternoon **the school will close for children at 1.30 p.m.** DASCC will be open from 1.30 pm on that day to children who already attend. Details have been sent out in a separate letter.

**A REQUEST FROM MRS LOWE!**

- Mrs Lowe is having to spend increasing amounts of her time reminding parents to make payments for things such as swimming and school trips. Please make her life easier by ensuring that you get your payments to school by the due date.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jane Cowley  
Headteacher

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July		Y5 visit to River Cuckmere
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July		YR visit to Ladyland Farm
	4.00 pm	Governor monitoring visit - Dormansland After School Club
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00 am	Infant Sports Day
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July		Sackville and Imberhorne Induction Day
	1.30pm	<b>EARLY CLOSURE</b> - School Development Planning afternoon
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	1.45- 3.00 pm	Taster afternoon for new Reception children
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	1.45- 3.00 pm	Taster afternoon for new Reception children
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	1.45- 3.00 pm	Taster afternoon for new Reception children
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	2.45 pm	Year 6 £5.00 challenge sale
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July		Reports sent home
	2.45 pm	Open afternoon
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> July		Dormansland Carnival
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	9.00 - 12.00	Rehearsal at Chequer Mead for main parts only
	5.30 - 7 pm	Year 6 leavers' party
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	9.00 - 12.00	Rehearsal at Chequer Mead for main parts only
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Time to be confirmed - around 3.30 pm	<b>All children to be collected from Chequer Mead Theatre</b>
	7.30 pm	Chequer Mead School Performance
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	2.45 pm	Year 6 leavers assembly
		<b>END OF TERM</b>