

Dear Parents,

First of all, some information about a new course that is being run locally that I am sure will be of interest to many of you:

#### THE PARENTING PUZZLE

Raising children can be puzzling at times, but puzzles have solutions – and the Parenting Puzzle provides them

The next course will be starting at:

St.Piers Sure Start Children's Centre, Lingfield.

Date: Tuesday 21st April 2009

Time: 7.00pm –9.00pm

The Parenting puzzle is a 10 week course that encourages parents and carers to enjoy bringing up children and get the best out of family life. It offers positive, practical ways of guiding children so they learn to handle both their feelings and their behaviour. The course is informal, fun and a great confidence booster.

Open to parents and carers of children of all ages.

There will be a cost of £20 for the course which will cover the book and refreshments. Payable at £2 per week.

To find out more or book a place please contact

Helen Acraman on 01883 723496 or Karen Pallot on 01342 831306

#### BUILDING WORK STARTS NEXT TERM

We are all very excited that our building project to create a new early years outdoor area will be starting soon after we come back from the Easter holiday.

As with all building work, there will be some short term pain for a long term gain! For a short period we shall need to have different routines at the start and end of the school day to ensure that children can enter and leave the school site safely. Further details of these will be sent out when we come back to school.

The builders will be using the field gate into Clinton Hill, so it becomes even more important for parents not to drive up or park in Clinton Hill so that they do not block access (or risk having their car scratched by large builders' lorries!)

#### DOG OWNERS

Another appeal to dog owners to be considerate to the feelings of many young children and not leave dogs unattended and tied up by either of the school entrances. We know you love your dog,

but not everyone feels the same!

#### TELEPHONE TREE

Thank you for the very positive response to our request to use your telephone numbers to set up an emergency contact telephone tree; we shall be setting this up early next term.

#### SCHOOL SHOES

Many of you will be going out over the Easter holidays to buy new school shoes. May I remind you of our uniform rules on shoes?

For girls: Black, flat heeled shoes with ankle strap or laces (no "pump" style shoes). Black or navy blue closed toe sandals may be worn in summer. Trainers or plimsolls may be worn for outdoor PE activities only.

For boys: Black shoes (black or navy blue closed toe sandals may be worn in summer. Trainers or plimsolls may be worn for outdoor PE activities only)

#### ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS!

The Easter break is a time to recharge the batteries before the very busy summer term we have ahead of us. I hope that you and your children have a really enjoyable two weeks holiday and that we can make the most of some lovely spring weather while we are off school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jane Cowley  
Headteacher

#### REMINDERS

§ All payments for lunches must be made in advance.

§ Please phone school on the first day of your child's absence to let us know. If you have telephoned, you do not need to send a note in later.