

Dear Parents,

As we end our school year, I would like to thank everyone connected with the school for the support they have given us over the year. Whether it's hearing your child read on a regular basis at home, helping them with their homework, coming into school or supporting PTA events, it all makes a huge difference to your children, so, on their behalf - THANK YOU!!

CHEQUER MEAD PERFORMANCE

Last Thursday we enjoyed a fantastic performance of 'Robin Hood' at the Chequer Mead Theatre. The children gave a wonderful performance to an admiring audience of parents and friends. Thank you to everyone for all your kind comments about the show.

As always, the performance gives our children a high point to remember Dormansland by. Thanks to Mr. Pritchard and the whole staff team who made the performance possible as well as to all of you who supported us so well with costumes, props and lifts to the theatre.

A CD-rom with photographs of the performance is available to order from the school office at a cost of £2.50. Please order your CD-rom when we come back to school in September; the CD-roms will be available for collection after September 15th. (Parents of Year 6 children leaving the school are welcome to order over the phone, although they will need to come and collect the CD-rom from school).

DORMANSLAND CARNIVAL

Once again this year, the Dormansland Carnival was a great success. The children were delighted to win first prize for the school (for the second year running) in the competition for 'Best Float' with their entry on a theme of the Ancient Olympics. Thank you to all the parents who organized the entry, accompanied the float, and provided the costumes.

CHEQUES PLEASE!

Mrs Lowe is issuing a plea for all outstanding payments to be paid to school by Tuesday at the latest.

GOOD TEST RESULTS

Despite all the problems surrounding the marking of the Year 6 National Curriculum Tests, we have finally received a full set of results.

AFTER SCHOOL CHILDCARE SURVEY

Thank you to everyone who took the trouble to complete and return this questionnaire. I am currently compiling the responses and will let you know the results early next term.

GOODBYES

At the end of this year we are saying goodbye to Mr Anscombe, who is leaving us for a post at a school nearer to his home in Kent. Mr Anscombe has been at Dormansland for five years and we shall really miss him. I know that the children who have been taught by him will look back at their time in his class with very happy memories. We should like to wish him every success in his new job and thank him for everything he has done for Dormansland over the past five years.

And of course, now is the time of year when we say goodbye to the children in Year 6 who have completed their primary education with us. This year's class is going to various local secondary schools and we are sure that they will continue to work hard, do well and uphold the good attitudes to work and behaviour that we have taught them at Dormansland. We would like to wish them all good luck and look forward to hearing about their achievements in the future.

Sadly, we are also saying good bye to many families as their child leaves Dormansland this year, including: the Asletts, the Betts, the Bowyers, the Carters (Will) , the Dealeys, the Dennises, the Hawkins, the Houltons, the Hrachovecs, the Kings, the Martins, the Michelmores, the Moors, the Nashes, the Olivers, the Osborne-Crones, the Pottons, the Rowlands, the Stainthorpes, the Taylors, the Whibleys, the Wiblins and the Worsfolds.

SCHOOL LUNCHES – important!!

A reminder that all school lunches must be paid for in advance.

Surrey County Council does not allow us to extend credit for school lunches, so without payment we are unable to provide your child with a meal and will have to ring you up and ask you to bring in a packed lunch for them.

To ensure that your child gets their lunch on the first day back in September, please make your payment in advance online at:
www.surreycc.gov.uk/schoolmeals

It really helps Mrs Lowe if you can make your payment online, but if you are unable to do so, we are happy to take a cheque on the first day back at school.

SCHOOL STATIONERY & EQUIPMENT

Even before the end of term, the shops are full of their “Back to school” offers! For the infant classes and year 3, we supply all the pens and pencils etc. that your child needs, so there is no need to succumb to all those special offers! Please do not send in your child with a pencil case or other stationery items to these classes.

In Years 4, 5 and 6, we encourage the children to develop the ability to look after their own equipment themselves and have it ready for each lesson. If your child is in these year groups, this is what they need to bring with them to school:

Pencil case (small enough to fit into their tray), spare Berol handwriting pen in black, spare HB pencil, small 15 cm ruler, 1 highlighter pen, rubber, barrel pencil sharpener and (optional) colouring pencils.

Please do not send in felt tip pens, gel pens, compasses, protractors, calculators, etc.

We supply all the junior children with a new pen and pencil each half term. If they lose or break this, it is their responsibility to replace it. As during this year, replacement pens and pencils will be

available at cost from the school shop, which opens every Friday lunchtime.

The shop also offers a small range of other stationary items, such as pencil cases, glue sticks, rulers, pencil sharpeners, etc. at well below shop prices. We shall be open for business on the first Friday of term, so you may prefer to save money by delaying some purchases until then!

EARRINGS and JEWELLERY

The very strict guidelines issued by Surrey County Council do not permit children wearing earrings to take part in any PE or swimming activities. This means that during the first six weeks after a child's ears have been pierced, when previously children had been allowed to put tape over their earrings, the guidance now says that they cannot take part in PE or swimming lessons at all.

So, if you are considering having your child's ears pierced, please have this carried out at the beginning of the summer holiday, so that by the time they return to school they are able to take part in PE lessons.

Children must be able to remove and/or replace their own earrings.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

The "Red Card" with key dates for next year has already been sent out. Further dates for next term will be sent out in September – less chance to lose them over the summer holidays!!

Finally...

Next term starts for the children on Thursday, 4th September. (The school is closed for a staff training day on 3rd September.) I would like to wish you and your family a happy and relaxing summer holiday. Have fun!

Yours sincerely

Mrs. J. Cowley
Headteacher