

Dear Parents,

8 MINUTES TO OXTED – SUCCESS!

This week, to a collective sigh of relief from parents in Dormansland and Lingfield, the full council approved the new admissions criteria for Oxted school. They have put in place the alternative proposals put forward by the headteachers and governors and supported by the 8 minutes to Oxted campaign group. This is good news and we hope that the situation can now settle down and that parents will not have the uncertainty over a secondary school place that has been present over the past couple of years. Our year 6 children have heard about their secondary places this week, and again the news is positive, with most children gaining places at their requested school and in particular, all those requesting Oxted gaining places.

I should like to say a huge thank you to the organisers of the campaign and to all parents who have supported it over the past few months. Without all their hard work to publicise the issue and bring it to councillors' attention, we simply should not have achieved this week's very positive outcome.

YET ANOTHER AWARD!

Hot on the heels of last month's Activemark and FMSIS awards, we have just heard that we have achieved the Healthy Schools Award. As you know, we have been working towards this over the past year or so and I would like to thank Mr Anscombe and Mrs Davies for all their hard work in helping us to gain this award.

CURRICULUM INFORMATION EVENING FOR PARENTS – 31st March, 7.00 pm

We have invited Surrey's science specialist Ron Bibby to come and talk to you about science at school. Ron is a very entertaining speaker and he will be sure to have plenty of science activities for you to try. Come along for an evening which promises to be fun as well as informative. Refreshments will be provided – and no, we shan't be using our chemistry kits to make the wine!

Please complete and return the slip at the end of this letter so that we know how many to cater for.

BREAKFAST CLUB

We have recently revised our breakfast club menu so that we are offering more healthy choices to the children. The menu now allows children to choose one item from each of the following groups:

Group 1: Beans on toast, cheese on toast, porridge, scrambled egg on toast, poached egg on toast or bacon sandwich. (2 items from this group will be available each day).

Group 2: Toast and jam or marmite

Group 3: Cereal

Group 4: Yoghurt or fruit

Group 5: Fruit juice, milk, water or tea.

The cost of the breakfast club is £2.50 per session, so for less than the cost of one hour's

childminding your child is looked after in a friendly and familiar setting and has a substantial and healthy breakfast. You do not need to book in advance – just come along from 8.00 am onwards. Entrance is through the car park doors.

SCHOOL UNIFORM REMINDERS

Cardigans

I would just like to remind you that cardigans are not part of our school uniform. Girls should wear school sweatshirts over their polo shirts or dresses. They look so much smarter than cardigans, which tend to fall off the children's shoulders and can look very untidy.

Summer shoes

Soon you may be thinking about buying your child school sandals for the warmer months. Again, a reminder that black or navy blue closed toe sandals are fine for school. Open toe sandals or 'pump' style shoes without an ankle strap or laces are not allowed.

Long hair

Hair which is below shoulder length should be tied back for school. This applies to boys and girls!

SCHOOL COUNCIL'S "WEAR GREEN TO SCHOOL DAY" – 4th March

The school was a sea of green as the children paid £1 to wear green on 4th March. The school council have asked me to thank you for your support – they raised £158.00 towards the cost of the willow for our planned 'igloo' in the school grounds.

We are planning to plant the 'igloo' on 28th March.

Please, please get in touch with Mrs Douch if you are able to come along with your spade on that day to help us plant the willow – so far we have had no offers of help!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jane Cowley
Headteacher

REMINDERS

§ A reminder to all parents that we do ask you not to drive up Clinton Hill to drop off or to pick up your children, except to drop off at breakfast club, when you may park on the playground and walk your child to the door.

§ In the event of an emergency closure of the school, (through, for example, bad weather) in addition to an announcement on Radio Mercury, all information will now be posted on the Surrey County Council Web site – www.surreycc.gov.uk/education as well as on our own school site – www.dormansland.surrey.sch.uk