

Dear Parents,

A very short newsletter before the half term break just to bring you up to date with a few things.

#### GOODBYE TO MR ANSCOMBE

Sadly, Mr Anscombe will be leaving Dormansland at the end of the Summer Term. Mr Anscombe has taught at Dormansland for the past five years since qualifying as a teacher. During this time he has played a full part in the life of the school, working hard to develop our sports provision, Activemark and Healthy Schools accreditation. I know that he will be greatly missed by us all, children, parents and staff alike. He is moving to a new position in a Kent Primary School and we wish him continued success there. We are currently in the process of recruiting a new teacher and will let you know as soon as an appointment has been made.

#### CAN YOU SEW? Please help!

Preparations are now well under way for this year's Junior production: "Robin Hood". Most of the costumes will be quite simple, but we do need eight monks' habits to be made. We have the pattern and the fabric will be supplied cut out and ready to sew. If you have a sewing machine and would be prepared to spend an evening sewing together a costume, please get in touch with me.

#### NEW BEHAVIOUR POLICY

Changes in the law regarding schools' statutory rights to discipline and restrain children have meant that we have had to update our behaviour policy. The new policy is available via a link on our website [www.dormansland.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.dormansland.surrey.sch.uk). It is due to be formally approved by the Governors at their next meeting on 10th June, but before they approve it, Governors are keen to hear parents' views on the new policy. If you would like to express your opinion, please write to Bob Charlton, Chairman of Governors or you can email him via the school email address [info@dormansland.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@dormansland.surrey.sch.uk)

Our staff at Dormansland manage children skilfully and professionally and we have high standards of behaviour as a result. The new policy is quite a long document, but essentially our approach to managing children's behaviour has not changed – it is just that we have had to re-issue the policy so that it includes information on the school's new statutory rights.

If you would like any further information, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me or your child's teacher.

#### GOLDEN BOOT

It's that time of year again and you need to be dusting off your walking boots! For those of you who have not encountered the Golden Boot competition before, here is a brief explanation. On four Fridays in June (6th, 13th, 20th and 27th June) the children are asked to use a 'greener' method of transport to come to school. They can walk, cycle, scoot, car share or 'park and stride'. The Memorial Hall have kindly agreed to let parents use their car park on these Fridays, so if you live too far away to walk to school, you can park in the car park and walk the rest of the way to school. Only walking from the Memorial Hall or a similar distance will count as 'park and stride', not walking from the bottom of Clinton Hill or the Meads! The class who has the largest number of children using green

transport wins the coveted Golden Boot trophy.

#### UNIFORM REMINDER

A reminder that boys may wear shorts but three-quarter or cropped trousers are not allowed as part of our uniform for either boys or girls.

I hope that you have a very enjoyable half term break and that the weather is kind to you.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jane Cowley  
Headteacher  
REMINDERS

#### ADVANCE NOTICE - EARLY CLOSURE – SDP AFTERNOON ON 11TH JUNE

This year we shall be holding our School Improvement Planning afternoon on Wednesday, 11th June. On that afternoon the school will close for children at 1.30 p.m.

#### COFFEE MORNING – 30TH JUNE

Our coffee morning this term is for all parents across the whole school and has 'Being Active' as its topic. Come along at 9.00 am for a cup of coffee and to hear Mr Anscombe talk about what we do in school to encourage your children to adopt a healthy, active lifestyle and how you can support this at home.