

KINGS' FOREST PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER TERM 5 2011

Dear parents and carers,

School Diary

| MAY 2011 | |
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| Monday 9th to Friday 13th | Y6 SATs |
| Tuesday 10th May | PTA meeting |
| Monday 16 th to Friday 20th | Y6 Residential Trip to Okehampton |
| Thursday 26th | Y3 production 9.15 & 6.30 |
| Friday 27th | END OF TERM 5 |
| JUNE 2011 | |
| Monday 6th | TERM 6 School closed for INSET |
| Thursday 9th | New parents' evening for September starters 7pm (Children will have a separate visit, this is really for adults) |
| Tuesday 21st | Interschool Quiz 10-11am |
| Wednesday 22nd | Music Festival Y2 at The Tynings |
| Tuesday 28th | KS2 Sports Day. Morning to avoid the sun |
| Thursday 30th | Key Stage 1 Sports Day. Morning to avoid the sun Class swaps in the afternoon |
| JULY 2011 | |
| Monday 4th | Teddy Bears' Picnic-new children into school in September 2011 |
| Friday 8th | Summer Fair 6-8pm |
| Monday 18th | Y6 Disco Time TBC |
| Wednesday 20th | LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY FOR YEAR 6 9.15 |
| Thursday 21st | SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET |
| Friday 22nd | SCHOOL CLOSED FOR INSET |

Hello everyone,

I hope you had a good break. We certainly were lucky with the weather. All of the children arrived back in good spirits and excited about their topics for the new term. Year 6 started SATs today, so they were a little nervous but they have a residential trip to look forward to next week which will help them to recover.

Every week we seem to admit new children into the school and this week has been no exception with two new pupils today. The pupils in school make new joiners so welcome and they always settle in very quickly.

PERFORMANCES

The Year 4/5 Performances of The Pinafore Pirates was very well attended and the actors and singers performed wonderfully. So many parents and grandparents commented on the talents of the children and we felt very proud of them.



TOP TABLE

Many of you will know that the Lunchtime Staff choose children to sit on the 'Top Table' on a Friday in the Dining Room. These children are chosen for good manners, eating well, being polite and using cutlery properly. Three children are chosen each week and they can have a friend to sit with them. This includes sandwich children. It is very popular!

EASTER EGGS

We received a wonderful collection of eggs for the Easter competition-so imaginative and creative. Thanks you for your efforts-we could see the hard work that went into them and the School Council had a hard job trying to choose winners.

CLOTHES FOR A CAUSE COLLECTION

Thank you for your contributions for the Clothes for a Cause collection which took place this morning. Items are sent to developing countries and this school gains in commission. Usually we raise two hundred pounds plus.

TEXT and E-MAILING SUCCESS

We have had so many positive comments from parents about the texting service and now we send many of our Newsletters home via e-mail. If you are not on this system and would like to be, then please contact the office and add your name to the e-mail list. This has saved a lot of time and money and is better for the environment. It also means that we can include more photographs as printing costs are less.

SCHOOL COUNCIL AND OTHER PUPIL GROUPS

Our School Council is very active and they make a lot of decisions about events in school. Their current discussion is around painting the container in the playground so that it is colourful. They are going to run a competition for a design so watch this space.....

We have many teams of children working throughout the school to ensure that pupils feel involved in school life.

We currently have some very good gardeners, ably led by the pupil Head Gardener, Alex Oppery



Year 3 were recently involved in a Wildlife digital photography project and here is one of the photographs they took using a zoom lens.

WILDLIFE WONDER DAY YEAR 3





Pupil technicians help with laptops and assemblies and School Captains organise the Hall and help in school generally. This morning we have Secondary School coaches training Playground Leaders and they commented upon how outstanding the Y5 group were during the training.

BOOK TOKENS

Your child may have brought home a £5 book voucher, presented in Assembly for reading. Many children have said that these are in a drawer at home. If your child has an unspent voucher, then please help them to spend it on the internet or in a bookshop. Alternatively, if they bring it back to school, I will order a book with them online.



T @ 2.30 has been running for a while now and we do have a faithful handful of parents who attend each time. Last time, they met with the Local Authority representative to discuss extended schools activities and I think it was very helpful. This is an informal session in the Hall from 2.30 and everyone is welcome-even if you just pop in when you come to pick up your child at 2.50/3.00. It is a chance for parents to meet together. Tea and Biscuits are free. The next tea @ 2.30 is on **Wednesday 18th May**.



SHELTER

We have had a new canopy built outside the Y1 classrooms. Children from both class 3 & 4 play outside and we encourage them to go out in all weathers, so we need some overhead cover. This will also provide shelter for parents at the beginning and end of the day.

We have a recycling team who look after paper and cardboard recycling and Busy Bees in Y2 who help generally. Our PE squad makes sure equipment is kept in good order by maintaining the PE cupboard.

Tomorrow we have a team of volunteers coming along to clear the pond and conservation area so that it is more user friendly for children. They will lay Forest bark pathways and remove thistles and undergrowth.

All children in the School enjoyed visiting the Year 3 Museum

The PTA has kindly provided money for seats on the school field and these will arrive within the next week or so. They are funded from money raised by you-so thank you for that.

STAFFING CHANGES-PREPARE YOURSELVES!

As you will know, we have had a very stable staff for a number of years. Apart from a couple of new

appointments, many of our staff were either at Deer's Wood or Falconride prior to the amalgamation. Over the past couple of years, several staff members have been promoted and we like to feel that we have played a small part in their success.

Andy Bowman-Deputy Headship in Bristol
Sharon Jackson Deputy Headship in Bristol
Tina Long Headteacher at Bromley Heath Infants School
Faye Kitchen Headteacher at Bromley Heath Junior School

Current staff looking for a new challenge include:

Mr Hutton has now been appointed as Headteacher in Christchurch Hanham Primary School and he will take up his post in September. He has been a marvellous Deputy and he will be sadly missed but we wish him well in his new post.

Mrs Taylor is retiring to spend more time at home with her husband but will continue to cover supply, thankfully for us!

Mrs Arblaster is leaving in order to be more flexible for her family but will continue to cover supply-once again we are delighted to keep her here for some of the time.....

Ms Keddie is expecting a baby in the Autumn; Warmest congratulations are in order and we are all very excited.

Mrs Hammond is expecting another baby in the Autumn so there will be a little brother or sister for Daniel.

Mr Owen has been appointed to the Brightstowe Academy in Bristol from September. He has decided to make a move into Secondary Education. This is a significant change for him and we wish him well.

Mr Parry will retire at the end of September on his 65th birthday. He is planning a huge party already-after 11 years service at both Schools.

As you will see, it has been a very busy time!. This is a large and very happy staff and we will miss those leaving but we are delighted that they have been so successful with new opportunities for the future.

We have interviewed and appointed new teachers for September, as well as a new Deputy Headteacher. When the time gets nearer for class swaps (30th June pm), I will provide a list of teachers for next term.

There are one or two other changes in the offing, including the addition of two new posts as a result of rising numbers and next year we return to 14 classes.

With very best wishes for the coming Term

Eileen Whiting