



Weekly News Letter

13 February, 2009

Dear Parents,

Firstly, Mrs Bowmer and I would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and wishes given to us over the last two weeks, they have certainly helped to ease our sadness.

As next week is half term, I hope you all get the chance to enjoy doing different things and the weather will be kinder to us all, though I think the children would wish for more snow!

Starting after half term for three weeks we will be running a 'Be a Smart Parker' Campaign with the local Police Force. The aim is to encourage everyone to park their cars safely and with consideration for others. Watch out for the banners around the car park and leaflets the children will be bringing home.

Axe Class will be going swimming next half term and there is a letter for new parents accompanying this newsletter giving more details.

Due to the absence of Mrs Bowmer and myself, I'm afraid we have had to cancel Years 3 and 4 going to the Gymnastics celebration on Thursday, 26 February due to a lack of practice time for the children to put together a programme to show to other schools.

On Friday, 27 February we are planning to have an Opening Ceremony for our new building and facilities. We have invited Mary King, Olympic and World Equestrian Medal Winner to come along and perform the 'Opening'. Hopefully she will spend a little time talking to the children about her sport and the forthcoming 2012 Games in this country. We would like to invite you all to come along at 3pm to watch the 'Opening' before enjoying some light refreshments, these will be served on the playground, weather permitting, or inside the main building if not.

At the end of last term, I sent out a note asking which children from Year 3 upwards would be interested in participating in some golfing lessons after school. I am pleased to say I have arranged for the coach from Lyme Regis Golf Club to come along and do these lessons here at school. Attached is further information and the forms you need to return to me if your child wishes to do these lessons, together with the £10. Please ignore the return date on the letter, but I do need the responses in on the first Monday back, 23 February. (Please make sure both forms come back). I need to ensure there are at least ten children wanting to do this, but I have assured the coach that this will be fine as I had thirteen children expressing an interest before Christmas and any others who may now wish to join.

Starting on Thursday, 5 March there is an opportunity for children in Years 3, 4 and 5 to have some training in Hi 5s Netball at Colyton Grammar School from 4-5pm for five weeks. If your child is interested please return the form below to me after half term. (You may however prefer to wait as, hopefully, after Easter one of our parents will be running a club here at school)

Also attached is our draft Packed Lunch Policy. Please read it and return any comments to us so we can take these into account.

Please note that the next edition of the children's magazine 'Kidz Planet' is now available from the office at a cost of £1 (50p is kept by the school). However, as there have been only one or two children having the magazine unless there is a bigger take up this will be the last time it will be on offer. It is now published every two months instead of monthly. **If you haven't seen it, please come and look at it. I need to know if the parent body doesn't think it is suitable or is it a case of lack of interest.** Before spending any more time sourcing these extras for the children I need to know.

A special offer from Mrs Adair, as it is Pancake Day on Tuesday 24 February if your child is having sandwiches but would like to join in and have pancakes on that day, she will cook two for the price of 50p. So, if you wish your child to have the pancakes, please fill out the attached form and return to school together with the 50p on Monday, 23 February.

Malcolm Bettison