



## Weekly News Letter

30 January, 2009

Dear Parents,

As you may be aware, Mrs Bowmer has been away from school for the last two days and this may be the case for next week. Mrs Bowmer is caring for her gravely ill mother and our thoughts and prayers go out to her and her family at this difficult and sad time. I will endeavour to ensure children in this class suffer the least disruption as possible but your understanding would be greatly appreciated.

Please don't forget children in Coly Class will be visiting the Norman Lockyer Observatory next Wednesday evening. Letters have already gone out about this but we are still waiting for a few replies to come back. Please ensure Mrs Quick is informed whether your children will be attending or not and that you can transport your children to and from the observatory. As those of us who have been before will know it can get very cold, especially when the domes to the telescopes are opened, so please ensure your children have suitable warm clothing and, of course, that includes parents who are staying as well.

Next Thursday, 5 February, Axe Class will be taking part in a Parachute and Skipping Festival at the Axe Valley College. The children will be transported there by coach at 9:30am and will return by coach at 11:15am ready for lunchtime back at school. The children will need to have in school on that day their indoor PE Kits and to take a filled water bottle with them. We are not asking for a voluntary contribution for this event as funding comes from our PE Partnership budget.

Also, next Thursday is the third Cross-Country Race for **Years 3, 4, 5 and 6** at Stockland at 4pm. There was some confusion last term as to whether our school can still take part if we have less than sixteen children. The answer is **yes** for the rest of this season but from next September we have to ensure we have four boys and four girls from Years 5 and 6 and four boys and girls from Years 3 and 4, otherwise our place will be given to another school. As you know, parents are responsible for transporting and staying with their children. If your child is taking part, please could I ask you to fill in the form at the end of this letter and return it to Mrs Harding by next Tuesday, 3 February. This will ensure I know who is taking part and whether it is worth me trying to submit a team next year. **It really is a case of, if not enough children want to do it then we lose taking part in future years!**

Finally, head lice are around again in our school, notably in Coly Class. To help prevent further spreading of these creatures can everyone please check their children this weekend and treat as necessary before returning to school on Monday. Remember, we have to act together on this, it only takes one untreated head to undo all the work put in by other parents!

*Malcolm Bettison*

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### Cross-Country Reply

My child/children \_\_\_\_\_ will be taking part in the Cross Country Race at Stockland on Thursday, 5 February.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_