

Kilmington Primary



School

Weekly Newsletter

10 July, 2009

Dear Parents,

Well, we have reached our final full week of the school year and very soon we will be breaking up for the Summer Holidays, let's hope this year we get some lovely weather, we all deserve it.

The children have enjoyed our Activity/Healthy School's Week and as I write this letter we are just adding up the final points from all the activities ready to announce which team has won the trophy this year. The highlight of the week for me has been the daily Pilates Session every morning; I didn't know I could stretch or bend that far!

As you may already know, our neighbouring property has been sold at auction for £160,000. I'm sure, like me, you think the Local Authority has been short sighted but we will now work with the new owners and put into place procedures to ensure the safety of your children. I will let you know about these at the very beginning of next term.

Our Year 6 will be going on their leavers treat this coming Monday, 13 July with Mrs Quick.

Parents of Yarty Class please don't forget your children will be on a visit this Tuesday, 14 July. Information as already been sent out.

The Year 6 Tea Party planned for Wednesday, 15 July has had to be cancelled. I'm afraid there isn't enough time to organise this event.

Ms Doyle has arranged an Infant Area Sports this Thursday, 16 July on the Village Field, starting at 1:30pm. Other local schools will be attending.

If you haven't already done so please return your forms for this year's Rounders Evening on Friday 17 July starting at 6.30pm on the Village Field. It is always a lot of fun and I think parents especially enjoy the competition and arguing with the Ref! This year we will be serving food from the Pavilion so the whole evening can be enjoyed on the field and not on the hard playground.

Some of our after school clubs have now finished. Next week there will be **NO** Netball, Homework, Recorders and Athletics. There will be Football and Dance but I will let you know about Pottery and Allotment early next week.

Malcolm Bettison

Please remember our last day of term is Tuesday, 21 July and as always we will finish with our 'Leavers Assembly' in the Village Hall at 2.45pm

PTFA News

Please, don't forget the PTFA meeting this Monday in Coly Class starting at 7pm. Your committee needs your support to finalise arrangements for the forthcoming Rounders Evening and our attendance at this year's Kilmington Show on Saturday 1 August. I have the honour this year to be opening the show. If you are unable to make the meeting but would like to help out at the show please

see Lucy Holmes or Diane Overton. We will need folk to make cakes to sell, to set-up, clear away and man the games, etc on the day. Also, it would be helpful if anyone is able to donate in-date tins of food (can be pet food as well). This is for a 'guess what's in the tin' stall (please leave the labels on as the stall runner needs to know what is in the tin!).

A fantastic opportunity to raise money for the school has been arranged. We can sell community raffle tickets at a market stall in Axminster on Thursday, 16 and outside of Tesco's on Saturday 18 July. We need as many people as possible to volunteer to do an hour. Please see Karen Hussey if you are able to help out in any way. If we sell all the tickets we will have raised £500 for the school.

Well done to the goal scoring children. Please can all sponsor money be in to the school office in an envelope marked with their name and the total amount collected, by Tuesday, 14 July.

Schools swine flu letter

Dear Parent or Carer

With the summer holidays approaching and the number of swine flu cases in the region continuing to rise, I wanted to take this opportunity to share with you the advice we have been given by the NHS and Health Protection Agency about dealing with any cases of swine flu we may have in the school in the future.

National guidance has recently been updated so that school closures are only likely now in exceptional circumstances and preventative antiviral drugs will no longer be routinely offered to large groups of school pupils. As swine flu starts to circulate more freely in the local community, these measures are no longer effective, as people may be exposed the virus outside school, or as soon as they have finished a course of drugs.

The most important advice we have been given is that children who have symptoms of flu-like illness should stay away from school until they have recovered and are free of symptoms. This is to avoid spreading the infection as much as possible.

You can check any symptoms online at www.nhs.uk or call the Swine Flu Information Line on 0800 1 513 513. If you are still concerned, stay at home and call your GP, who may suggest a course of anti-viral drug treatment. This is designed to reduce the symptoms and help a quicker recovery.

If your doctor does advise anti-viral treatment for a child, please let the school know as soon as possible.

Other members of the household who are free of symptoms may continue with normal work/school activities however they should monitor for flu-like symptoms over the next 5 – 7 days.

It's important to point out that the vast majority of people who have swine flu make a quick recovery at home. However, you should do what you can to prevent the infection from being spread to others by ensuring your family take some simple precautions:

- Covering your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, using a tissue when possible.
- Disposing of dirty tissues promptly and carefully.
- Washing your hands frequently with soap and water to reduce the spread of the virus from your hands to your face or to other people.
- Cleaning hard surfaces (such as door handles) frequently using a normal cleaning product.
- Making sure your children follow this advice.

Yours sincerely