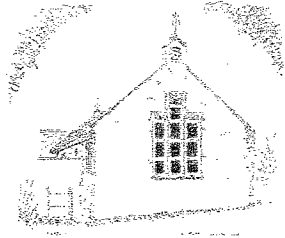


Kilnington Primary



School

Weekly Newsletter

26 June, 2009

Dear Parents,

As you may know, there was a special Governing Body Meeting held last Wednesday to discuss with a representative of the Local Authority our wish that the property adjacent to the school is purchased for the benefit of your children now, and for future generations to come. Sadly, this request has been met with a flat refusal. As you will also appreciate there is very little time open to us since the auction of the property takes place on 9 July. The Governing Body is not accepting this as we think we have put together a very strong case for purchase and alerted the Local Authority to our situation as soon as we knew the property would go on the market. A letter has been sent to the Director of Children and Young Peoples' Services at County Hall and we are making representations to our Local County Councillor, Mr Andrew Moulding, and to the local press. I know the vast majority of you feel, as we do, very strongly about this and we would request you also write to the Director, Mr Moulding and the press if you feel so inclined. I for one am strongly voicing my concerns about the traffic outside the school once renovation works starts and the danger this will put your children in. Hopefully, the more voices that are heard might mean the more likely that something will happen.

On a different note, our Year 6 enjoyed their taster day at their new Secondary Schools on Wednesday and as they were away, we took the opportunity for certain year groups to spend the morning in their new classes. We will be operating the same class structure in September as this year, with Coly Class being made up of Years 6, 5 and 4; Yarty Class being made up of Years 3 and 2 and Axe Class being made up of Year 1 and Foundation. As you may have seen in the local newspapers we are advertising for a Teaching Assistant. This person will work solely in Coly Class for five mornings per week on Literacy and Numeracy and is an addition to the existing staff in this class. I am pleased that the finances have allowed this to happen for this coming year since it will mean greater support and smaller teaching groups for this class with three age ranges in it.

For parents of Year 5, please find attached a letter from the Local Learning Community about the meetings being held next week with the three local Secondary Headteachers. I know in the past parents have found these meetings very useful as they begin to think about which school their children will transfer to at the end of Year 6 in 2010.

Attached to this letter for parents of our current Year 6 is a letter about the children's visit to the Annual Life Skills Event this coming Thursday, 2 July at the Donkey Sanctuary near Branscombe.

Also attached is a letter for the Year 5 girls and all of Year 6 with regard to the forthcoming sex education portion of the National Curriculum

Please remember next Friday, 3 July is a Non-Uniform Day for the children in return for 'Jolly Jars' that can be used on our PTFA Stall at the Village Show on Saturday, 1 August. Suggestions for the jars include mini toys (such as those from cereal packets), sweets, stickers, etc.

Also, there is to be a children's sponsorship event (goal scoring) to be held on Tuesday, 7 July during school hours in aid of PTFA funds. Please find attached the sponsorship form.

Please note due to work commitments, Mrs Grant is unable to carry on with Cookery Club for the rest of this term. She will start again in September.

Also note, I am delaying the Annual Reports going out by one week. They will now go out on Friday, 10 July. Sorry about this but we need the time to complete them and I need the time to check them all through before they are sent out.

Malcolm Bettison

