



School

Weekly Newsletter

8 May, 2009

Dear Parents,

As you will no doubt know, it is SATs Week for Year 6 starting on Monday and Mrs Quick has already sent out a letter to the parents concerned about the arrangements for this week. May I also remind parents that Years 5, 4 and 3 will also be doing their End of Year Assessments during this week as well. We have organised the school so that all the children will have a quiet and appropriate area in which to work and have the necessary adult supervision and support. Can I please ask you to ensure the children have a good night's sleep over the coming week, has a water bottle in school and has eaten a nourishing breakfast to ensure their energy and concentration levels are high. Please try to ensure your children are at school in plenty of time and let us know immediately if they are going to be absent. Please note, if any Year 6 miss a test they **CANNOT** do it at any other time and must be marked as absent and no test level will be recorded.

Please note there is no music tuition next Wednesday, 13 May. The tutor will add in a replacement session on Wednesday, 3 June.

Good news is that we have been given a place at this year's Fossil Festival in Lyme Regis on Friday, 22 May after being told at the beginning of the term we were unsuccessful in our request. Yarty Class will again be going but they will also be taking the whole of Year 4 as they did not have a chance to go last year. More details about this trip will follow next week.

Please amend your diary date for this year's Area Sports for Years 6, 5, 4 and 3. I was informed yesterday this has been moved from Wednesday 10 June to Monday 22 June. The time and venue remain the same.

Also, to add to your diary are two meetings especially for Year 5 parents. These meetings are for you to meet the Headteachers of the three local secondary schools and ask questions before you make your decision early next academic year as to where you want your children to go. They are as follows:

Monday, 29 June at Seaton Primary School starting at 6pm

Thursday, 2 July at Axminster Primary School starting at 6pm

More details will follow.

As you are all aware Swine Flu is spreading and is causing concern across the country. I thought it would be helpful if I passed on to you the latest guidance I have been given. 'As all the cases so far in this country have been mild, schools and early year's settings should operate as normal. This would continue to apply if the World Health Organisation were to increase its pandemic threat level to 6. However, there may be circumstances where localised closures of schools or early year's settings are necessary to contain the spread of infection. Decisions in these cases will be taken locally on the basis of advice from the

local health protection teams.' As you can appreciate this advice will change constantly and I will endeavour to keep you informed should the advice alter significantly. Schools have been asked to prepare their own action plans and I am in the process of formulating ours.

Cycle Training is to take place for Year 5 and any Year 6 that didn't complete it last year, on Mondays starting on 1 June during the lunch break. These sessions lasts for the next six weeks, ending with a cycle display at our sports afternoon. Mrs Millman and Mrs Holmes are the trainers but they do need at least one other adult to help supervise the children and possibly to go on the cycle training course at Westpoint, Exeter. If you wish to offer your services please see Mrs Harding.

Please note that Year 4 are bringing home a letter with regard to going to Haven Banks Activity Centre in Exeter.

Finally, the Parish Council are sending out to all residents reminders about not letting dogs foul on the Playing Field. You are all aware of the serious health threat this activity brings and as significant users of the field for PE, lunchtimes etc I want to add my support to this appeal. We do not want our children to be subjected to this unnecessary health risk when all that has to be done is for owners to use the bins provided or take it away in a bag and dispose of it safely. Should the problem continue the Trustees may discuss banning dogs from the Playing Field.

Malcolm Bettison

PS

Kilmington Pre-school are having their annual duck race on Wednesday, 20 May and will be coming into school at 3:30pm (in the playground) on the afternoons of Thursday, 14 and Friday, 15 May to give you a chance to purchase a duck for the race at £1 per duck. Please support them.