



Summer Term Newsletter 1

1st May 2015

Dear Parents,

Parents Forum

There was a forum meeting planned for next week, this has been *postponed* and will now take place on 22nd May at 9.00 in the library. All parents are welcome to come along, have a coffee and biscuit and talk through any issues, concerns, thoughts or ideas with the senior leadership team.

ICT issues

As reported before we have been working hard to extend our ICT capability and to take advantage of digital learning resources. This includes making greater use of resources to extend learning beyond the classroom such as Bug Club reading activities, online maths and Google Classroom. We have been pleased with the engagement of parents and children so far. Current projects include; improving the speed of our broadband connection and ensuring all classes have easy access to mobile computing devices. To this end we have been introducing Chromebooks, these are child sized laptops which run the Google Chrome operating system. One of the advantages of using them is good access to online cloud storage meaning work can be completed at home or anywhere in school!

Website

Although excited about our new website we have had a few teething problems- please bear with us as we think we know the solutions and are working to implement them!

Swimming

It is good to be able to offer swimming again in our own pool. Thank you very much for the contributions received so far. Please continue to send in your contribution if you haven't done so already.

Football The Year 5 and 6 football team have their last match in coming days, they have all showed dedication and commitment and have worked well as a team throughout the season, leaving them with a mid-table finish in the league. Thanks to Mr Boulden and Mr Bellenie.



Netball Our netball squad led by Miss Tyler and Miss Rivers has played well all season and I am pleased to announce that they won their group in the local league. Well done! Thank you to all the children, staff and parents who have supported the team often on cold windswept playgrounds! The team is mixed- here is the girls team at a rally in March.

Clubs

We have recently started a couple of new clubs including Mad Science on a Monday for Years 3-6, recorders at lunchtime for Year 4 and sewing club for Year 6 on Fridays after school. Athletics club on a Thursday now has nearly 70 members from years 3 to 6! We also continue to offer a variety of other after school sporting clubs. Some of these may have vacancies – please enquire with Mrs Hartland at the office.

Term dates 2015-16

On the back of this letter you will see the term dates for next year. Please note Years 1-6 will start back on the 3rd September. Early Years children will receive their start arrangements and dates at this summer's induction events. Friday 23rd October will be a non-pupil day, other dates to be declared when known.

Midday Assistants

We are always on the lookout for midday assistants to go on our relief list. If you are available in the middle of the day please speak to Mrs Hartland in the school office for further information and recruitment details.

Yours sincerely,