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Newsletter

Thursday 4th March 2010

Haiti Appeal

We held a Crazy Hair Day to raise funds for the Haiti appeal. We are pleased to be able to tell you that we raised £334.52. There were some very imaginative hair styles. Well done to Sam Millen for organising the event.



Dance Mat Attack Challenge

Last week we held a Dance Mat Attack challenge. Years 5 and 6 took part in this event and had a great time. All other year groups were given the opportunity to have a dance as well, including some of the staff.

Book Fair Week

The book fair is on this week and finishes tomorrow.
Entrance via the playground doors.



World Book Day plus a Visit by Author – Friday 5th March

We are celebrating World Book Day on Friday 5th March. The children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. We are also having a visit from children's author, Tony Bradman, on Friday 5th March. There will be an opportunity to purchase copies of his signed books.

Judo Club

Judo Club starts on Monday 8th March after school. There are still places available and we need a minimum number to be able to run the club. If your child is interested please return your application form and remittance as soon as possible.

Quiz Championship

We have entered the Inter-School Quiz Championship again this year and would like your help in making sure this goes ahead.



The quiz includes the services of a quizmaster who comes to the school with electronic equipment to hold a quiz in each year group. The children have hand held voting pads and vote on multiple choice answers.

All who participated last year thoroughly enjoyed their session with the quizmaster, even if they were not the eventual winners in their year group.

Last year we were able to fund this activity from the school fund but there are insufficient funds this year to pay for the whole sum.

We are therefore planning to hold a non-uniform day to boost the school funds on **Thursday 11th March**. For a donation of £1 your child may wear their own clothes but please remember they need to be suitable for a school day.

Thanking you in anticipation of a great fun event.

Swan Valley Community School Challenges

A group of year 5 pupils attended a Sports Challenge morning hosted by the PE department. Lauren Crabb, Billy Lowman, Maddie Davies and Dylan Mangat competed in sports, dance, end ball and gymnastics activities. They were great ambassadors for our school and displayed a great team spirit, performing each task to the best of their abilities.

French Visitors

Next Tuesday, March 9th, 51 pupils from Ecole Jean Froissart and 8 staff are joining the pupils and staff of York Road for the day. The French children are spending the week at nearby HMS Arethusa and we are delighted that they can find time to come to our school. We are looking forward to repaying the kindness they showed us when we went to Valenciennes back in June 2009. The French children will be spending the morning in class then visiting Dartford town Centre (including an audience with the Mayor at the Civic Centre) in the afternoon.

Open Afternoon

On Tuesday 30th March we are holding an open afternoon in which we would like to invite all parents and carers to visit your child's classroom and look at examples of work and displays. This is not a formal parents' consultation but a chance to chat with your child about their favourite school activities. If you have a particular issue or concern about your child please discuss this during parents' consultation week or make an appointment to see your child's teacher. The open afternoon will run from 2.45 until 5pm. We have taken on board feedback from the previous open afternoon and are extending the times to cater for working parents. We hope that this will be an informal opportunity for you to share some of your child's successes and achievements.

Hall Place

Last week year 5 visited Hall Place as part of their history topic on the Tudors.

The children all had the chance to dress up as rich or poor Tudors and perform a dance in the Great Hall. Another session was spent in the kitchen looking at artefacts and discovering just exactly what the Tudors ate!

A very enjoyable and interesting day was had by all.

Tesco Vouchers

On 8th, 9th and 10th March Tesco has teamed up with the Daily Mirror to enable you to collect additional vouchers. Each voucher in the paper is worth 3 times the value of one from a store. Please remember to send in your vouchers. Thank you.

Sainsburys Active Kids

We are also collecting the above vouchers so please send them into school with the children.

Together Project

Year 6 will be taking part in the Together Project on Tuesday 23rd March. This will involve a morning of Art – details to follow.

The Outreach Concert

This concert is for years 5 & 6 and will take place on Wednesday 17th March in the morning – details to follow.



Year 6 – Isle of Wight

All monies need to be paid by Monday 29th March. You may make payments towards the balance at any time. Please send to the office together with your child's payment card. This will be receipted and returned to you. If you wish to pay by cheque please make it payable to: **York Road School Trip**

Easter Egg Raffle

We would like to hold our annual Easter Egg Raffle and would be pleased to receive donations of eggs. There will be a box in reception for the eggs from Monday 8th March. Tickets will be available for purchase from 8th at a cost of 50p a strip. The draw will take place on Monday 29th March.



Easter Meal

On March 31st we will be having our Easter meal. If your child normally has a packed lunch and would like to join us for our Easter meal then please complete the slip on the leaflet coming home today.

Parents Voice

The next Parents' Voice will be held on Friday 19th March at Acacia Hall. It will take the form of a series of workshops which are free, and refreshments will be provided. Please see further details in our community noticeboard situated on the front wall of the school by the main reception entrance gate.

Community Noticeboard

Please keep an eye on our community noticeboard. This displays information relating to community events for parents and families.

School Crossing

Please note that Mrs. Fulford will not be on the crossing on Tuesday 23rd March.

Summary of Events

5th: Visiting author for World Book Day

9th: Visit by French children

11th: Non-uniform day to raise funds for Quiz Day later in the month

16th and 17th: Writing Workshops – 4 year 5 & 6 children going to Temple Hill to take part in a writing project.

17th: Outreach Concert Years 5 & 6

22nd: Quiz Day

29th: Freshwater Theatre Company in school to perform a French play to year 3, Sun, Mars and Saturn.

30th: Open Afternoon