



Spring Term Newsletter

A belated welcome to 2010!

PTA News

The Xmas Fayre has raised about £900 for the school. Well done to everyone concerned - especially as we have asked you to open your purses rather wide this term! Next PTA meeting Thursday 4th March.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY
FRIDAY 7TH MAY

AN EVENING WITH ELVIS!
MORE DETAILS COMING SOON.

Governors

The School Travel Plan document has now been submitted to the BCC. In this document it has been stated that the School will instigate various promotions such as:-

Park & Walk / Scooter / Cycle

Go for Gold Footsteps

Cycle / Scooter training Encourage car sharing

Cycle shed for safe storage.

A working group has been set up to administer these aims. Slowly but surely these will be started. Volunteer parents for some of these promotions will be needed.

First to be trailed is **Park & Walk**. Approximately 80 pupils travel from outside the catchment area; hence car travel is unavoidable. The aim is to encourage these parents and children to park in Millfield Avenue or Swan Lane, to then walk / scooter/ cycle to school and back after school.

In due course **Go for Gold** stickers will be awarded to children that do this. Explanation of this scheme will follow later - probably Summer Term.

Try It now. A little bit of exercise twice daily will be fun and good for you.

School Council/Eco and Gardening Teams

As separate newsletters have been issued by two of these groups I will only add my thanks for the support you have shown for our 'Healthy Lunch Box' competition to raise funds for the UNICEF appeal for Haiti. We will be sending over £300 to UNICEF.

Taylan's Corner

We have all watched (especially some of the children) with great interest how the work in this area has progressed and we are delighted that the children are now able to use it.

We will be holding a low key official opening in the playground on Wednesday 10th February at 3pm and would be delighted if you could all join us.

We will bring the children out into the playground at about 3pm where they will stand with their teacher and classmates until after the event. Teachers will then dismiss their classes in the usual way.

Scooters and Bikes

We are delighted with the bike racks bought by the PTA but rather concerned about the bikes and scooters that are left overnight and sometimes at the weekend. I am prepared to carry the occasional one into the building for safety – but I'm afraid I went on strike when there were four of them!

Clubs

Please note that the **Games Club** will **not** take place on Thursday 17th March due to Parents' Evening.

Computer Club will **not** take place on Monday 22nd March as I am afraid I will be unavailable.

Balinese Flag Days

The children had a wonderful time and each class now has a beautiful flag which can be used for special events such as church services, Sports Day and the Pig Roast.

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Normally we would have had to ask you to contribute towards the cost of this event (see below Chinese Dance Day!) which cost £650.

We are very grateful to the Taylan's Project for paying the full cost of the event thus saving you money and giving the children a wonderful experience.

Chinese Dance Day

This will take place on Wednesday 3rd March and I would be grateful if parents could send a voluntary contribution of £2 per child, (cash taped to a piece of paper/envelope is fine) towards the cost of the event.

School Photographs

Class photos will be taken this Wednesday (3rd February). We plan to have a whole school photo taken next term. The last one was taken in 2000!

Reminders

Please will you remember to keep your children with you at the end of the day and remember that neither they nor their little brothers and sisters are allowed on the play equipment after school.

Palm Sunday Procession 28th March

This event moves from church to church in the Swan Group. After five years it is St Mary's in Marsh Gibbon turn to 'host' it again.

The procession will be starting at the school and different groups will be taking part.

I would like to invite you and your children (in their school uniform) to join me in the procession. I will let you know a confirmed time nearer the date but I am guessing we will probably meet at school at about 9 o'clock ish.

Diary Dates

February

Wed 3rd – school photos

Sunday 7th – Christingle Service

Wed 10th – opening of Taylan's Corner

Mon – Fri 8th to 12th – Part time Butterflies staying to lunch

Fri 12th - PTA Lunch Day, Children's event and school breaks for half term

Mon 22nd – school opens

March

Wed 3rd – Chinese Dance Day

Thursday 4th – PTA meeting

Thurs/Fri - 4th/5th - Book Fayre

Thursday 11th – Governors' meeting

Friday 12th – PTA lunch day

Sunday 14th – Mothering Sunday Service

Wed/Thurs 17th /18th Parents' Evening

Sunday 28th – Palm Sunday Procession

April

Thurs 1st break for holiday

Parents may collect children from 1.15

Mon 19th School opens for Summer Term

Mon 3rd – school closed for Bank holiday

May

Fri 7th – PTA lunch

Wed 12th – Bags2school

Thurs 27th break for half term holiday

June

Tuesday 8th – school reopens

July

Tues 6th – Changeover Day

Wed 7th – Open Afternoon

Fri 16th – Pig Roast

Mon 19th - Sports Day

Tues 20th – End of Year Service

Wed 21st - break for summer holiday

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