

Newsletter May 2014



Dear Parents

It's that time of year again when the posh frocks are purchased and dress suits sent to the dry cleaners- yes, it's the Blitz and Glitz Ball on Saturday 10th May. I am looking forward to seeing those of you that are going.

For those of you, who can't attend the ball, please support the event by purchasing raffle tickets. Some amazing prizes are on offer. All of the money raised is being put towards the redevelopment of the Infant site. We have completed Phase 1 (the staffroom and the magnificent toilets) and Phase 2 (knocking down internal walls, building a new office and moving the front door) should take place in the summer holidays, depending on planning permission. Any money raised will be wisely used for a new Library and ICT area.

Mrs K Price

School Values

This half term we are looking at Integrity. We have explained it to the children as "doing the right thing even when nobody is looking." Our bible verses are:

Romans 12:17 Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men.

Philippians 4:8 Finally brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything is worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things.

New Toilets

I am so proud of our new toilets, but more importantly, so are the children! A big thank you to Mr Gollins and his team who worked around the inquisitive nature of our children and answered all sorts of 'interesting' questions. Please do come and have a look at then when you are next on the Infant site!

Water Bottles.

There are still children on the Infant site with no water bottles. It is essential that they have them as there is no drinking fountain. Please check that you child has a water bottle.

Mrs Read

Mrs Read will be starting her maternity leave on Friday May 23rd. We are very excited for her and her husband as they start the next phase of their life together. Mrs Pearce will be taking the class for the rest of the term and Miss Mitchell will be the temporary class TA. Miss Mitchell will be accompanying the children to France.

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We are interviewing for a temporary year 6 teacher and will inform you of the outcome as soon as we are able.

Plant Orders

The plant orders arrived this week- we have a number of unclaimed orders on the Junior site. Please collect them ASAP.

Filing Cabinets

We have 2 filing cabinets awaiting a good home. One is a 4 drawer grey metal cabinet and the other a 2 drawer wooden cabinet. Please contact the school if you would like them. A donation to school fund would be greatly appreciated.

Diary Dates (items in **bold** are new to the calendar)

May

- 7.5.14 Governor Training on monitoring Teaching and Learning Parish Council meeting to discuss Infant building work
- 9.5.14 Drinks Reception for Junior School neighbours
- 10.5.14 School Ball
 - Open Morning at Infant site to look at building plans 9.30-11 am
- 12.5.14 Year 6 SATs week
- 13.5.14 Dinton Pre School visit
- 19.5.14 Bags to School collection
- 20.5.14 F4CADs meeting 7.30pm Infant site
- 22.5.14 Mufti day for school charities (Infants in best clothes for the Dancing) Infant children - May Day dancing and singing 9.10am walk around Mrs Reed's last day Break up for half-term

June

- 4.6.14 Hazard Alley Trip Year 6
- 5.6.14 Barnabus Workshops in school
- 11.6.14 Infant Class photos
- 12.6.14 Junior Class photos
- 13.6.14 Junior Sports afternoon 1.45 pm
- 15.6.14 Education Sunday- Stone School
- 17.6.14 Family Service Junior site 9.10am
- Infant Sports afternoon 1.30 pm
- **19.6.14** Cycling starts on junior site (details to follow)
- 23.6.14- Yr 5 & 6 to France
- 27.6.14
- 24.6.14 Family Service Infants 9.10 am
- 26.6.14 Foundation visit to Waddesdon Manor
- July
- 1.7.14 Class Transfer morning
- 2.7.14 Year 5 Secondary Transfer meeting (old 11+) 6.30pm junior site

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4.7.14	Year 2 Bernwode Singing Festival at Long Crendon
8.7.14	Year 6 Leavers' service at Oxford Cathedral
10.7.14	Life Bus to junior site
12.7.14	Cuddington Fete
15 .7.14	Leavers' Service 9.45am (venue to be confirmed). Year 6 parents welcome to attend.
17.7.14	Year 6 Leavers' Show

23.7.14 Finish School for summer holidays - Infants 1.15pm Juniors 1.30pm

September

4.9.14 Children return to school

Friends 4 CADS February Update Bag2School Fundraising Collection Monday 19th May

Dear Parents, **Spring is here and it's time to have a good sort out again!** Today your children will be taking home Bag2School fund raising collection bags. Bags2School is a great way to dispose of unwanted clothing, etc and at the same time raise money for the school. We raised a massive £385.50 in our last collection in October bringing our total to an amazing **£2883.50** just from your old things – **THANK YOU!!!**

Please fill the bags with unwanted clothing, shoes, handbags, belts, hats and soft toys (any shoes/boots should be tied together as a pair). **Bedding/linen/towels/curtains etc are no longer accepted so please don't include these.**

If you fill the bags and still have more to bring then you can use any other bag to donate items. I have included a spare bag in case of this or if you need to double up your bag. Spare bags are also available. Don't forget to ask family and friends to have a sort out as well. **Remember the more we collect, the more we raise for the school and your children.**

Filled collection bags should be returned to the school on Monday 19th May by 9:00 am as follows:

Infants: In front of the staff room window behind the wall.

Juniors: Under Year 4 windows against the wall.

Each collection point will be clearly marked. <u>Please ensure all bags are tied to keep the items dry</u> in the event of wet weather.

I will collect bags from Chearsley and Dinton (Seven Stars) bus stop on Monday morning when the bus collects the children.

If you require any further information or spare bags, then please contact Amanda Clifford on 07931 419352 or email me at <u>amandajclifford@hotmail.co.uk</u>.

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Many thanks to parents, family, friends and staff for supporting this fundraising opportunity.

Amanda Clifford (Beau – Y6 and Ashton Y4)

Friends 4 CADS

Sponsored Ten Mile Bike Ride Saturday May 10th, 2014

In aid of Dinton Flush Fund to pay for kitchen & toilet facilities in the church

Leaving Dinton Village Hall, HP17 8UQ at 10.30am, our scenic route goes through the villages of Ford, Meadle, Marsh and back through Bishopstone and then Stone and Upton and eventually past Dinton Church and back to the Dinton Village Hall.

For information contact - Rosemary Jackson, Innisfree, New Road, Dinton Tel: 01296 748655, email jacksonrj@btinternet.com

Register at 10am at the Village Hall. Entry will be \pounds 3.00 per cyclist or \pounds 6.00 per family to pay for the administration costs. Please get your family and friends to sponsor you.



For Young Bikers and Scootathon, there will be a two mile circuit through Upton with a marshalled crossing at Chestnut Avenue.

Miniscootathon - the route for mini bikes and scooters starts from the Village Hall at 11am down to Westlington and back.

The routes for the two events for children are under consultation with parents.

COME FOR COFFEE AND CAKES AT VILLAGE HALL at 11.30am