



Newsletter - March 2015

Dear parents,

Yet another exciting month – the children have had lots of great learning opportunities (see their accounts below). As I write this I am surrounded by pirates, crocodiles, tinker bells, lost boys, Indians, Tigerlilies, Johns and Wendys. I have yet to see the juniors!

I would also like to share with you the success of Annie Sutcliffe, a year 6 pupil, who has been awarded a sports scholarship- we are very proud of her.

Well done to all the children who took part in the cross country event at Haddenham Junior School this week. The children were all fantastic and we won a first, second and third place.

I hope to send out a summary of the school's Aspire Report next week. We are delighted with the findings, and as with all things, there are areas to work on but lots of success too.

You will all have attended Parents' Consultations last week. I was in the fortunate position of being able to speak to many of you about how your children are getting on and I was delighted with your comments. I hope that the new target sheets were helpful – please feed back any comments to your parent forum representatives.

Mrs K Price

This half term, the school's value is **Respect**. We will be sharing the following bible passage with the children.

Romans 12:10

Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

Philippians 2:33

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.

1 Peter 2:17

Show proper respect to everyone

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Arts Mark

We have achieved an Arts Mark for the school in recognition of our creative approach to learning and broad appreciation of the Arts. A big thank you to the children for the quality of their work and to the staff for their enthusiasm to provide such an inspiring environment.

Leave of Absence

After consulting Mrs Chaplin, Mr Tomson, the Vice and Chair of Governors, we have decided to simplify leave of absence. As you are aware, all absence is unauthorised unless it is exceptional circumstances. Many of you already email me to request absence and then fill the form in. To simplify the procedure you now need only to email the office, (office@cds.bucks.sch.uk) informing us that you are taking holiday. Mrs Chaplin will acknowledge the letter, reminding you that the absence will be unauthorised and will then forward the email to the class teacher. The email to school needs to be sent at least 2 weeks in advance of the holiday. If you do not email us and your child is on holiday, we will contact the Education Welfare Office as they will be termed 'a child missing from education'.

Junior Site Phone Number

Some of you may have the junior site phone number (the one starting 01296). Please may I remind you not to use this number when calling the school, as there is not always a person on reception to pick up messages. All messages regarding your children must go through Mrs Chaplin on 01844 291206. Thank you.

Voice in a Million

How excited are we?! On Wednesday next week 48 staff and children are going to sing at Wembley Arena. Those pupils taking part have permission to come into school after break on Thursday. A report of the concert will be featured in the next newsletter.

Year 1 and 2 Performance of "the Big Drip"

Unfortunately the performance scheduled for Wednesday 4th March had to be re-scheduled due to the actors' vehicle breaking down en route. The children will now watch the play on Tuesday 14th April.

Red Noses

Red noses will be on sale on both sites from Monday 9th March, one per child, £1.00 each.

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The School Playgrounds and Play Equipment

May we politely remind you to vacate the playgrounds promptly at the end of the school day and to refrain from allowing younger children to play on the school play equipment whilst you wait.

The Village Picture House – End of Term Movie

Please find attached a flyer for the end of term showing of “Paddington” with details of how to book.

Easter Holiday Club

You should all have received a letter about our new Easter Holiday Sports Club. If you wish to book a place, please complete and return the booking form as soon as possible. Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Account of Year 6 I.M.P.S. Workshop by Zoe Gallienne and Hannah Porter, Year 6

On Wednesday 25th February Year 6 were visited by the I.M.P.S. team -Injury Minimization Programme for Schools. The team visit Year 6 classes around the local area to teach what to do in an emergency.

They performed two workshops; one about how to cope with emergencies and learning about medical equipment. The emergencies were: burns, choking, wounds, electrocutions and car accidents. We were surprised that burns need covering in cling film to keep them clean and run under cold water for 10 minutes!

The second workshop taught us how to perform CPR; we even used a resuscitation dummy to practice on. We also learnt how to use a defibrillator. We found the resuscitating exhausting!

This was a wonderful opportunity and hopefully the training will come in handy one day.

Account of Globe Theatre Trip by Zoe Lichfield and Rhys Claridge, Year 5

On Monday 9th February 2015, Yr 5 and Yr 6 travelled to the immense Globe Theatre in London. Because of their thrilling topic, Shakespeare, the perfectly poised pupils were to have an extremely memorable time they would never forget.

Travelling by coach, the students were all tremendously excited to be driving through the capital city of England. As well as being accompanied by fabulous teachers, the pupils all had great fun seeing all the magnificent landmarks. Such as: the huge London Eye: the enormous Big Ben (alongside the Houses of Parliament); the great Gherkin; the shimmering Shard and many others.

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When they got there, as quick as a flash, there were some fantastic activities to do. A dress/clothes demonstration was performed by Lizzie in year 5 and Alfie in year 6 as well as a flabbergasting sword fighting demonstration by two men using real swords!

This was followed by an extremely entertaining tour of the Globe Theatre led by their drama coach and guide - Jack. He even allowed them to get onto the famous stage! They also had the excitement of seeing backstage. Whilst on stage they recited the infamous quote from Twelfth Night - 'If music be the food of love, play on.'

Following this they had an excellent drama workshop with Jack, which was great fun! Sophie exclaimed "It was so exciting; I thought I was really the character!"

In conclusion they all had great fun and loved the Globe Theatre, Rhys in Year 5 said "It was my best school trip I have ever been on in my life!"

Account of World Book Day by Year 2

World Book Day is to celebrate how brilliant, fantastic and amazing books are. We came to school dressed as Peter Pan characters. Some of us came as; Crocodiles, Captain Hook, Mr Smee, Tiger Lily, Michael, John, Tinkerbell, Wendy and one of the lost boys and of course not forgetting Peter Pan himself. We also did a Scavenger Hunt, where we looked for different things in books from the Library. World Book Day was really exciting and we are looking forward to spending our book vouchers.

Diary Dates

- 09.03.15 HASSP Dance Festival (1) at St. Mary's, Haddenham
- 11.03.15 Voice in a Million Concert at Wembley Arena
- 12.03.15 HASSP Dance Festival (2) at St.Mary's, Haddenham
- 13.03.15 Red Nose Day – "Wear something funny for money", minimum donation of £1 plus Cake Sale on the infant site at 3.10pm.
- 16.03.15 Year 1 & 2 Trip to Bekonscot Model Village (packed lunch will be provided)
- 17.03.15 Infant Family Service 9.10am at St.Nicholas' Church, Cuddington
- 27.03.15 Break Up for Easter holiday; 1.15pm Infants, 1.30pm Juniors
- 13.04.15 Inset Day
- 14.04.15 Return to School
- 16.05.15 School Ball

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