

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Here is a list of events for your diary. You will receive further information on them nearer the time.

May

Friday 23rd Break up for Half Term

Monday 26th - Friday 30th **Half term**

June

Monday 2nd INSET Day
Tuesday 3rd INSET Day
Wednesday 4th Start of the second half of the Summer term
Tuesday 10th Year 1- Chertsey Museum talk
Friday 13th PTA Cake Sale
Monday 16th Around the World Week
Friday 20th Bring a Bear to school Day

July

Wednesday 9th Year 2 Trip to Windsor Castle
Friday 11th Fontanella recorder concert
Saturday 12th Send First 50 Summer Fayre
Saturday 12th 50th celebration Party Night! - 7.30pm - midnight
Wednesday 16th Sport Day
Wednesday 23rd End of Term- 2.00p.m.

Warmest Wishes,



Mr. S. P. Hobbs
Head teacher

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Friday 23rd May 2008

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are now moving in to the latter stages of this academic year, but things do not come to a halt. We have a very busy second half to the summer term, with the Send First 50 Summer Fayre, Around the World week and Sports day to name but a few. Could I just remind you that the first two days after the half term break are INSET days and the school will be closed for the children.

Golden Boot Challenge

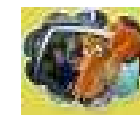
We will be taking part in the Golden boot challenge. First launched in 2002, the Golden Boot Challenge is part of Surrey County Council's Safe Routes to Schools initiative and this year's campaign is the biggest and the best yet. Pupils score points when they:



Walk



Cycle



Car Share



Scoot



Use the

bus



To win the boot

Over the four-week campaign during June (every Friday), we collect the information, use it to make a detailed analysis of all the modes of transport used, with the results sent back to the county. The class in school with the most points wins the coveted Golden Boot trophy. Please try and support the children on a Friday by using a different mode of transport when coming to school. You should receive an information leaflet giving more details along with this newsletter.

Staffing

We warmly welcome two new members of staff who will be starting with us in September. Jessica Hayward as class teacher in Reception and Helen Jackson as class teacher in Year 1.

We would also like to take this opportunity in welcoming back Mrs Geldart who will be returning to work in Rabbit class after the half term break, and also a huge thank you to Mrs. Bradshaw and Mrs. Bruton who have done a fantastic job in covering Rabbit class. Their commitment to the children and the school, has ensured a very successful year for Rabbit class. We all would like to wish them well for the future.

It is with regret that we will be saying good bye to Mr. Gary Jackman as caretaker, who has decided to further his career in another field. I would like to thank Mr. Jackman for all that he has done whilst at Send First.

As a result we are now advertising the post of caretaker in the local press. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this position, please forward their details to the school office.

Well Done Year 2

I would like to say a very well done to all the Year 2 children, who have been working through their SAT's over the past few weeks. Miss Dudley and Miss Richards report that the children have worked extremely hard and have been very sensible throughout. This year Send First was one of the twenty five percent of schools that were moderated by the LA as part of their yearly SAT's moderation process. I am pleased to report that the feedback we were given was excellent, with the moderator agreeing with our teacher assessments, Well done to Miss Richards and Miss Dudley who provided all the evidence and met with the moderator.

Cinderella Books

Miss Richards is still desperately in need of any used and unwanted Cinderella books for Year 2 literacy. Whilst we have some any additional copies will make life a little more exciting for the children. So if you do have any unwanted Cinderella story books, please pass them on to either Miss Richards or Miss Dudley. Thank you.

ActiveKids

There are still some spare spaces available for the Friday after school ActiveKids club. If your child is interested, please see the poster in the entrance hall or ask for details at the school office.

Meditation/Story Telling Club

We still have places available if you are interested in your child learning about relaxation techniques and breathing exercises.

Mrs Valerie Drummond is offering our children the chance to develop relaxation and calming skills by running a **Free** Friday 'Lunchtime 'Meditation'/Story telling club. It is intended that the club will run from 12.40 to 1.00 p.m. If your child is interested in joining this club, please contact the school office.

Alternatively for more information Valerie can be contacted directly on 0797 483 4880. Please note that this club will only run if a minimum number of 6 participants is reached.

Lunch Money

The cost of lunch for the second half of the Summer term is £61.20 (36 days x £1.70) You can of course pay either weekly or monthly if you wish. Please help the office staff by sending the money in on the **first day of term** in a **named** envelope. Any cheques should be made payable to Send First School.

Balloon Race.

Congratulations to Travis Jones of morning nursery who sold an amazing 140 balloons and set them off on Wednesday. Thank you to Vision Engineering for sponsoring the event. The afternoon was very exciting and culminated in 1100 balloons being released. A map will be on display in the school foyer charting the distances that some of the balloons travel.

Tesco Voucher Scheme

The Tesco's Computers for Schools vouchers scheme has now finished. If you still have any vouchers at home could you please bring them in to school so that they can be counted and banked. We can then use them to buy more ICT resources for the children.

Safety

I have been asked by our neighbours to remind parents that driveways are in constant use and unaccompanied children, particularly on scooters may be hard to see. For your children's safety please can you ensure that they remain close by when arriving and leaving the school and please do not block driveways. Many thanks.