

Welcome back after the half term vacation. We hope that everyone had an enjoyable time.

Parent/Carer Consultations

We hope that the many parents/carers who attended the recent consultation sessions found them to be valuable in understanding how their children are progressing at school. If for some reason you were unable to attend one of the sessions, please do contact your child's class teacher to arrange a meeting.

Literacy Evening

Mrs Derrien led a very interesting literacy session in October, which was well attended by parents /carers. The audience had the opportunity to hear about the variety of methods used in school to help children develop their reading and writing skills. There were also suggestions on how parents/carers could support their children at home.



Fund Raising

Before half term the school was involved in two fund raising activities.

The Harvest Festival collection raised an amazing £375, which will be used to support our fellow school in Sri Lanka. This sum of money will make a real difference to the school, its staff and pupils.

Our 'Wear it Pink' non-uniform day was also very well supported. The children made a fantastic effort and also raised £355. This sum will be forwarded to the Breast Cancer Campaign.

Thank you to everyone for your support of these two very worthy causes.



Operation Christmas Child

Many of you will be aware of the Operation Christmas Child shoebox presents. We have already received a number of boxes filled with many goodies for deprived children. We would welcome more! Please keep them coming.

Congratulations to Unicorn!

Unicorn House are to be congratulated for being the first house to be awarded the monthly house point cup. At the present time, children from each house are involved in an inter-house football tournament and we are planning a similar netball competition to start in the near future. The children are really excited about the new house system, which we hope will encourage positive behaviour and competition.

Tesco Sports Vouchers

We have received many donations of the Tesco Sports vouchers. If you have any more please drop them in the box in the school foyer or at the office.

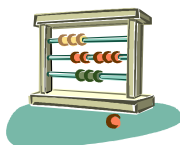
Many thanks to everyone for the donations.

Friends Committee AGM

Please may we remind you that the 'Friends' Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th November at 7.00 pm. The Committee would very much appreciate your support at this meeting.

Number Calculations Sessions

Accompanying this newsletter you should find a letter inviting you to attend one of two learning sessions aimed at providing an understanding of how children are taught to calculate. Methods are now used which may be very different from those which you were taught. This is an opportunity to understand these 'new' methods. We look forward to seeing many of you at the session on Tuesday 14th November.



Book Fair

We will be holding a Book Fair towards the end of this month. More information to follow from Mrs Derrien.

School Term & Holiday Date Consultation

You should have recently received a consultation document concerning school term and holiday dates which promoted the idea of a six-term year. If you wish to respond to the document, please return your completed forms to the school office by **Monday 11th December.**

'Flying Without Wings'

For those of you who attended the recent 'Flying Without Wings' concert at the Pavilion in which our school choir, 'Southern Edge', 'Beat It' and 'Pink Ice' performed you can now purchase a DVD of the show from the school office price £10.

Bicycles at School

The school has a policy of not encouraging children to ride bicycles to school. This may fly in the face of the modern trend to encourage such activity, but we just do not have the space the store bikes securely. I would ask parents/carers to discourage their children from riding to school. Furthermore, bikes, scooters and skateboards should not be ridden on the school premises so as to avoid accidents. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.



Governor Vacancies

The Governing Body of the school currently has positions vacant for Community Governors. If you or somebody you know is interested in becoming a school governor we would love to hear from you. Community Governors do not need to have a child themselves, they are people that care about education and have some time, energy and enthusiasm to:

- be a member of an important team
- support teaching and learning
- be a friend of the school

A formal invitation to apply will be issued in the next couple of weeks giving information regarding what is involved in being a school governor. In the meantime details can be found on Schools and Staff page of the Dorset County Council website (www.dorsetforyou.com).