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## **NEWSLETTER**

Dear Parents

After an absence with illness, I am back and very busy with the budget and preparing our plans for the summer. The credit crunch makes it difficult for all of us these days and I am finding it very difficult this year to set the budget. The expected number of children in the next school year is much lower than expected and the reduction of children at the school will result in a much reduced budget. This means that I will have to reduce staffing and look once again at how we are organised. Please do not worry; I will inform you as early as possible next term about any changes that will need to be made. This will always be arranged to maintain the highest standards in teaching and learning and keep class sizes to an acceptable size.

This week I have received the latest standards report from Ofsted which shows that the attainment and progress of our children continues to be in the top quartile of all schools nationally and, for the fifth year in a row, we achieved significantly above the national average in one aspect or more of the core curriculum. A significant achievement and I thank all the teachers and support staff for their excellent effort and ability in achieving this.

### **DANGER !**

Yesterday I had a report that a child on a scooter, who was cutting through the Health Centre car park, was almost knocked over by a car reversing out of a car parking space. If it had not been for another parent's quick action, we could have been looking at a serious accident or even a death! It was not the car driver's fault. Parents and children should not cut through the Health Centre at any time. Please, please keep to the footpath and stay safe on your journey to and from school.

### **DRAGON**

Congratulations to Years 3 and 4 on their production of the musical play 'Dragon'. I believe that all the tickets have gone for the evening performances, but there are a few remaining for the afternoon performance. I am looking forward to seeing the children perform – I know it sounds good in rehearsal.

### **PARENT INVOLVEMENT MORNING – KEY STAGE 1**

Thank you to all the parents who helped with our planting and pot painting; we hope you enjoyed the morning as much as we did! Thank you, also, for the seeds and pots you sent it.

Miss Hurd, Miss Sealy, Miss Richmond and Miss Rich

### **EASTER CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY**

We will be holding a special assembly on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, for Key Stage 1 and Foundation Stage children. Parents of these children are welcome to attend. It will start at 9.00am.

### **FAMILY GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS**

Thank you to all those people who returned the slip regarding family group photographs. There has been sufficient interest shown so we confirm the session will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June. Further details will be sent out after Easter.

### **HOLIDAY CLUB**

Kidz@play will be open during the Easter Holidays, 6<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> April 2009, from 8.00am until 6.00pm. Give Faye Webb a ring on 07875953144 for more information and to book in your child. There will be Easter egg hunts, cooking - such as chocolate nests, Easter biscuits, cookies, cakes (anything chocolaty!) and many more exciting games and activities.

### **PTA NEWS from Claire Ross**

Competition Winners: Thank you to all those children who entered our Easter competitions. The winners are as follows:

Collage Competition:	Reception:	Casey G and Elsa W
	Year 1:	Sophie H
	Year 2:	Matthew H
	Year 3:	Lewis B
	Year 4:	Ellen A
	Year 5:	Ellen A-B
	Year 6:	Jessica J

Poem/Rap Competition:	Reception:	Toby W
	Year 1:	Laura G
	Year 2:	Helen U
	Year 3:	Taylor R
	Year 4:	Ben F
	Year 5:	Susan R
	Year 6:	E Franklin

Easter Egg Hunt: All children will be invited to the Easter Egg Hunt on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March. A donation of 50p per child is requested to help cover the cost of the eggs!

Claire Ross

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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