

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

September

Wednesday 30th New Mums' Coffee morning (PTA)

October

Tuesday 6th Handwriting workshop for Reception Parents—
2.40 p.m. in the hall

Wednesday 7th Reading and Spelling Workshop for Year 1 & 2
Parents—2.40 p.m. in the hall

Tuesday 13th Virtual Learning Environment Workshop for Year 2
Parents—2.40 p.m. in the hall

Wednesday 14th Harvest assembly- 9.00 a.m.- All welcome
Maths Workshop for Year 1 & 2 Parents—2.40 p.m.
in the hall

Wednesday 21st Parents' consultations. Appointments during the
afternoon and the evening. **Children leave school
at 1.30 p.m.**

Friday 24th Start of half term

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

November

Wednesday 4th School Photographer

December

Saturday 5th Christmas Fayre

Monday 7th Nativity for Grandparents- 1.45 p.m.

Tuesday 8th Nativity Play- 9.30 a.m. Surnames A—J

Wednesday 9th Nativity Play- 9.30 a.m. Surnames K—Z

Tuesday 15th The Pied Piper Theatre company in at 1.45 p.m.

Tuesday 15th Christmas lunch

Wednesday 16th Class parties

Friday 18th End of Term- 2.00 p.m.

Warmest Wishes,



Mr. S. P. Hobbs
Head teacher



Newsletter 2

Friday 25th September 2009

Dear Parents & Carers,

I hope the start of the new school year has been as calm and happy an experience for you as it has for us. We now have all of the children in school and they have settled in well.

Contact Numbers

Please could I ask that you forward any change of contact numbers to the school office. If you have changed jobs, nannies, childminders, mobiles etc. we need to have this information recorded in case of an emergency. All information should be marked for Mrs. Meekin's attention.

Parental email (Schoolscomm)

As you will know, we try very hard to improve the service that we deliver to you and to your children by communicating as frequently as possible so that everyone is kept informed. Please could you inform us of any changes to your e-mail or mobile phone numbers or if you haven't already please provide us with them. This will help ensure that you stay well informed about events and important information that we may have for you.

Consultation Afternoon

A quick reminder that our Autumn term Parents' consultation afternoon will be on Wednesday 21st October, starting at 2.00 p.m. As is usual the children will go home at 1.30 p.m. on this day. For parents new to the school there will be appointment sheets in the library for you to sign up to nearer the time.

Beaver Scouts

1st Send (St Mary's) Beaver Scouts now has spaces for new members aged 6+. The group meets at the Scout HQ in Send on Wednesdays 5-6.10pm during term time. For more details please contact Cheryl Locatelli on 01483 721 175.

Parental Workshops

We will be running a series of parental workshop for you to attend that will help you to support your child at home. We are offering the following workshops:

Tuesday 6th October- Handwriting for Reception Parents.

Wednesday 7th October- Reading and Spelling for Year 1 & 2 Parents

Tuesday 13th October- Virtual Learning Environment for Year 2 Parents

Wednesday 14th October- Maths for Year 1 & 2 Parents.

All of these workshops will be in the hall from 2.40 p.m. to 3.05 p.m.

They will hopefully give you guidance on how the school teach these areas to the children and how you can support them at home.

PTA

Calling all new and existing parents. Send First School PTA are looking to recruit new members to help support the school in its fantastic fund raising events. The PTA is a crucial part of the school's support network and regularly put on events that raise the school considerable sums of money, that go into helping the children. So if you feel that would like to help and add to our dedicated band, please contact either the school office or a member of the PTA. Please also come to the PTA Coffee Morning on Wednesday 30th September at 9.00 a.m. or the PTA AGM on Tuesday 6th October at 7.30 p.m. where you will be most welcome.

Harvest

Our harvest festival assembly is on Wednesday 14th October at 9.00 a.m. As with previous years, donation of food will be greatly received and will help make up our traditional Harvest baskets that are distributed to the elderly in Send and local charities. All parents are welcome to the assembly, **Please Note-** as has been the case in previous years there is no room for pre-school children in the hall and any unintentional noise tends to disturb the children's performance.

If you can help, we would also like to ask for volunteers who could deliver a basket to an elderly person on our list. Please inform Mrs. Manktelow in the school office if you can. This would be most appreciated.

Vouchers



This year we are again collecting Morrison's 'Let's Grow' Vouchers. The scheme is running from 15th September until 6th November 2009. By collecting Let's Grow vouchers you'll be enabling kids to get their hands dirty for good reason by giving them the opportunity to grow their own food in the school grounds. For every £10 you spend in-store, you'll receive a voucher that schools can collect and redeem for brand new gardening equipment including seeds, spades and greenhouses.

We are continuing to collect the Nestle Box Tops for Books tokens which the school can redeem for 10p towards books. Each token can be found on any packet of Nestle breakfast cereal.

Bumps to the Head

If your child has sustained any bump to their head we will now be putting a pre-printed letter inside their book bag to let you know. The updated letter will have either a head map or a body map so that you can see where the injury was sustained. Please do check book bags on a daily basis.

Curriculum Information Leaflet

By now you should have received a leaflet explaining what your child will be studying in class this term. We hope that you have found this information useful. The leaflets are part of our ongoing commitment to working with parents and will be given out at the beginning of each new term to keep you informed of the topic and themes that your children are studying. If you have any suggestions on how we can continue to make improvements with working with parents please contact Mr Hobbs.

Attention all Nursery and Year 2 Parents

Thursday 22nd October is the last day for us to receive application forms for Reception and Junior school placements in September 2010. If they are not received by this date your child may not get into the school you desire. Application can be completed online at www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions. Or a hard copy obtained by phoning 0300 200 1004