

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

March

Saturday 6th School Photographer in for Family Portraits
Friday 19th PTA Sponsored Easter hunt
Saturday 20th – Saturday 27th BEST (BrightEn Send & Tidy it up) Week
Saturday 20th 'Swap it' Lancaster Hall
Friday 26th Spring Service—9.00 a.m.
Egg rolling race
Tuesday 30th PTA Easter Cake sale at 3.15 p.m.
Wednesday 31st End of Term- 2.00 p.m.

April

Monday 19th INSET day
Tuesday 20th Children return to school

May

Monday 3rd School Closed- BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 21st PTA Cake Sale at 3.15 p.m.

Warmest Wishes,



Mr. S. P. Hobbs
Head teacher



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Friday 5th March 2010

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back after half term. I hope you enjoyed the break. As you will see from the diary of events it is a busy, short half term. If any of you kindly took a form from me at the parental consultation evening about how we can improve as a school, please hand them back to the office, as we are now in the process of writing next year's School development Plan and your views and ideas are most useful to us.

Please note the revised time for our Spring service—it will now start at 9.00 a.m. and not 9.15 a.m.

Road Improvements!

A number of parents have asked me about the road improvement outside of the school and whether there will be additional car parking spaces added. This project is a Surrey County Highways initiative and not a school one. We were consulted alongside the medical centre and whilst we agreed with the decision to narrow the road slightly outside of the school to make crossing safer, we did disagree with the reduction in parking that was being proposed. In fact, both myself and the medical centre representative suggested to Surrey Highways that they make provision in the project for more parking, however as usual we were told that budgetary constraints meant that this could not be included in the project. If you would like to make any comment to Surrey County Highways about the project, please contact them on 08456 009 009 or www.surreycc.gov.uk/roads or write to Mellow Depot, Mellow Lane, Guildford, GU4 7BQ. Please quote reference PS 34.

We have as a school made our views clear that more parking is needed in the area and the parking provided i.e. the triangle, needs to be kept in a condition fit for purpose i.e. clean and safe. We have made representation to Guildford BC about this via their website, but please feel free to add your voice.

Gentle Reminder.

Please could I remind parents the school day starts at 8.50 a.m. and finishes at 3.10 p.m. Unfortunately we have noticed that the number of late arrivals at both ends of the day has increased. This has also been identified by the schools new Educational Welfare Officer (EWO) who is the county representative responsible for absence and lateness. He has informed us that he will be monitoring the situation over the coming weeks and visiting parents where necessary.

Before schools

Now the children have been in school for nearly two terms this academic year, we would like to encourage parents to feel that they can now leave their children at the beginning of the day- 8.40 a.m. onwards when the school playground is supervised by a member of staff. This, it is hoped will encourage the children to be more independent and will hopefully mean they will be less intimidated and confused by the number of adults we have on site in the morning.

Wet Mornings.

Could I ask parents to help us on wet mornings by leaving their children in the library area with the teacher on duty at 8.40 a.m. to watch the video. Please could you then vacate the building as soon as possible via the rear entrance, so as not to clog up the library area. If a child's book needs changing please wait until the end of the day as the library is extremely busy on these mornings. Thank you in anticipation for your co-operation.

BEST Week

We are joining in a village-wide week of events to Brighten Send and Tidy it up - BEST Week - from 23rd to 28th March. On Friday 27th March, we will be doing a school site clean up, encouraging the children to look out for litter and bin it.

On Saturday 28th March, parents can get involved too, by turning up on the recreation ground at 10.30 am to join others in a village-wide litter sweep and bulb planting. Equipment will be provided courtesy of Guildford and Send Councils, but you may wish to bring your own gardening gloves. All welcome!

As a new venture there will be a 'swap shop' in Lancaster hall on Saturday 20th March in the morning. People will be able to bring and take items- good quality toys, clothes, books, DVD's bric-a-brac and small items of furniture- with no money changing hands.

Advanced Warning- Spring Service

We will be holding our Spring Service on **Friday 26th March at 9.00 a.m.** in the school hall. The children will be encouraged to make a Spring bonnet or hat that they will wear in the assembly and parade at the end. The children will also sing 'spring' songs. Parents are most welcome, but please note that space will be limited as it was at the harvest festival and to minimise disruption, we do request you make alternative arrangements for pre-school children and babies as a crèche is not provided. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Easter Garden

Do make an Easter garden with your child and bring it to school on Monday 22nd March. To make sure all gardens are returned to their rightful owners, please name them on the bottom and take the gardens home by the 29th March. Ideas for a traditional Easter garden are available from the school office.

Easter Egg Rolling

On the afternoon of Friday 26th March the children will have the opportunity to take part in the traditional egg rolling event. Egg rolling races are held all over the world on Easter Monday. Hard Boiled eggs are decorated and then rolled down a hill or slope. The one that goes the furthest without breaking is the winner. All you need to do is hard boil an egg and then decorate it. Please bring them to school in a named container which will be returned (minus the remains of the egg). Good luck!

PTA News

The Health and Beauty Pamper evening, our first joint venture with St Bedes was a great success. Thank you to everyone for supporting it and a huge thank you to Marie Caporn and Allyson Mulvihill for all their hard work in organising the event. We don't have the final figures yet, but it looks like we made about £500 for each School which is brilliant. The Valentines Cake Sale was our most successful ever raising £155, as requested by the children half of the money will be donated to the Haiti Earthquake appeal. Thank you for all the wonderful cakes donated.

Our next event, a Sponsored Easter Hunt will be held soon, details to follow shortly.