

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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

May

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| Monday 10th | School Nurse in all day |
| Wednesday 12th | Year R Trip to Ladyland farm |
| Monday 17th | School Nurse in all day |
| Tuesday 18th | School photographer in—Class pictures |
| Friday 21st | Year 1 Trip to the Discovery centre |
| Tuesday 25th | PTA Cake Sale at 3.15 p.m. |
| Thursday 27th | PTA Quiz night -7.30 p.m. |

Monday 31st - Friday 4th June **Half term**

June

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| Monday 7th | INSET Day - Assessment and recording |
| Tuesday 8th | INSET Day- Assessment for Learning |
| Wednesday 9th | Start of Second half of Summer Term |
| Friday 11th | Year 2 Cake Sale |
| Monday 14th | Governors observation week |
| | Meeting for new reception parents 7-8 p.m. |
| Thursday 24th p.m. | Art Exhibition of children's work in the Hall—3.10 |

July

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| Thursday 1st | Year 2 to George Abbot school for Sports morning |
| Friday 2nd | Year 1 to George Abbot school for Sports afternoon |
| Saturday 10th | School Summer Fair |
| Wednesday 14th | School Sports Day |
| Tuesday 20th | Year 2 Disco 3.30—4.30 p.m. |
| Wednesday 21st | Leavers assembly- 9.00 a.m. |
| Friday 23rd | End of Term—2.00 p.m. |

Warmest Wishes,



Mr. S. P. Hobbs



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Friday 7th May 2010

Dear Parents & Carers,

I Hope you had an enjoyable May Bank holiday. Thank you to Sarah Prentice and the other PTA members who ran the 'Let's Get Cooking' stall at the May Fair.

I have noticed that the number of holiday requests during term time has increased significantly recently. Can I remind parents that whilst I can authorise holidays, it should be for exception circumstances only.

Attendance is now a limiting judgment in Ofsted inspections, meaning that a school cannot be classed as Good overall if its attendance is only Satisfactory. Our Target for this Years attendance is 95.6%. This is very challenging and we need your support if we are to achieve it.

Parental Questionnaire 2009/10

You should by now have received the results of the parental questionnaire for 2009/10. The response from parents was good with 52 forms being completed. As you can see from the results the responses were overwhelmingly positive, but we will not sit back on our laurels. A number of very good suggestions / comments were given which we will be introducing over the rest of this and next academic year. An example of which was Year R spending longer coming in to school in the morning via their outside classroom. We have also noted that some parents required additional information about what their children cover whilst at Send First. We therefore created a question and answer sheet covering those questions in the questionnaire that parents didn't feel that they were able to answer, due to lack of information / knowledge. We hope that this has provided you with the required information.

School Uniform

Now the weather is improving the children are now more frequently removing their Jumper, cardigans etc. Could parents please make sure that all of their child's school uniform is named, so that if it is lost we will be able to return any items to their owners. We currently have a large amount of lost property that is unnamed.

Parking Reminder

Unfortunately, we have received a number of complaints from local residents about inconsiderate parking by some of our parents- parking over their driveways so that they are unable to get out or in. The local police have informed me that they too have received complaints and will be patrolling outside of the school. Please remember our neighbours and not park in front of their driveways and the request from the medical centre not to park in their car park unless visiting the centre or the pharmacy. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

I have also noticed a number of parents cutting across the car park. Please refrain from this and use the paths. Many thanks.

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 find 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 topics and themes that your children are studying. They are also there to help parents who wish to support their children learning at home.

Sunny Days

Our wishes seem to have been granted for the time being with the change in weather and a string of glorious warm days. With that in mind, could we please remind you to send your children to school with a hat and a waterproof Mac (these should be named and can be put in your child's PE bag). We ask that you put suntan lotion/block on at home for the day and do not send any into school to be reapplied. We also ask that children wear a hat rather than sunglasses. If your child has a specific medical condition requiring sunglasses, please put this in writing to the class teacher. If your child suffers from hay fever, please ensure that they have been given a day's dose in the morning or arrange to come in and medicate them yourself during the day. Unfortunately we are unable to keep medicine in school.

Sponsored treasure hunt

Well done to Charlie Bailey in Beehive who raised over £100 in the recent sponsored treasure hunt.

A message of Thanks

As many of you are already aware, our son James was hospitalised on Friday 12th March with various symptoms ranging from pins and needles to loss of balance and difficulty in walking.

It took several days and various scans including MRI's and a Lumbar Puncture before he was diagnosed with Guillain-Barré Syndrome (GBS). Unfortunately it is a relatively rare condition, so information is limited and most of the studies which have been conducted are based on adults rather than children.

What we do know is that the severity and length of time the condition affects each individual varies greatly. However horrific the condition can be, we are fortunate that James' did not have to be ventilated and his internal organs were unaffected.

The good news is that James is now home again and has a very exhausting routine to follow if he is to make a full recovery. Although he was virtually paralysed from the waist down, the consultants believe the extent of his condition is relatively mild and although some symptoms may remain an issue for several years, it is anticipated he will make a full recovery. How long it will take is the million dollar question, but as long as we remain positive it should be sooner rather than later.

James has been incredibly brave and remains determined and enthusiastic during his hospital visits and gym sessions, but we cannot begin to express how grateful we are of everyone's messages, cards and gifts.

The strength and support we have received has kept us positive during some very difficult times and it has been truly overwhelming.

On behalf of us all, a very sincere 'Thank You' to everyone.

Andy, Debs, James and Emma

PTA News

We would like to thank everyone for their help at the May fair stall, especially Sarah Prentice, Mandi Willett, Ollie Narbey, Claire Bell, Kate Bruton and Jackie Wells for braving the elements and to everyone who made muffins.

Please note that the cake sale has been changed to Tuesday 25th May at 3.10 p.m.

Forthcoming events- Quiz night—27th May at 7.30 p.m.