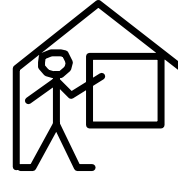


June 19th 2009



Dear parents and carers,



Summer Fete - Saturday July 11th 11am - 2pm

We are all looking forward to our summer fete - hopefully the weather will be kind to us. As always there will be a variety of different stalls, a bouncy castle and refreshments will be available. Raffle tickets are now on sale at Reception.

We welcome contributions for our summer fete of bric a brac, tins and bottles for the tombola, books, etc for the fete. If these could be brought into school it would be appreciated. Please also send in any homemade cakes for our ever popular cake stall the week before.

We hope to see you there!

Daisies Visit Thrift Farm



Daisies class finally got to visit Thrift Farm this week. A previously planned visit was rained off, but on Tuesday the weather was favourable to them, and as you can see from the photographs they all had a fantastic time looking at and feeding the animals.

Transport Home After The Summer Concert

Please could you return the slips confirming if you are collecting your son / daughter after the Summer Concert on June 30th, or if they are going home on usual school transport, so that our lists can be finalised. Thank you to those of you who have already returned them.

We are sure that the concert will be a huge success - the rehearsals are all going well and everyone is extremely enthusiastic.

School Uniform

Just a reminder that we have uniform in stock - T shirts, polo shirts, etc. Should you wish to place an order ready for September then please contact Jennifer at Reception and she will send home an order form and up to date price list.

Our focus area this week - is Healthy Living which was the week beginning June 8th

We had an action packed and fun time during this year's Healthy Living Week. The week got off to a lively start with the Umbanda drummers who spent the day with us and worked with all of the pupils across school. Everybody had the opportunity to play on lots of different drums and other musical instruments and the people who led the session were very aware of the different needs of the pupils and created an exciting and lively atmosphere.

We also had other visitors in school during the week that helped us to run a football and multi skills session and a hair and beauty salon. Their input is always appreciated by the children and staff.

Our Healthy Living Week gives our pupils the chance to try new activities and a group of pupils from the Primary and Secondary departments enjoyed a lovely afternoon sailing on Caldecott lake. Another group from Secondary and Post 16 had fun trying out the slides and wave machines at the Oasis swimming pool in Bedford. We also had our yearly trip to Whipsnade Zoo and this is always very successful.

During the week we provided extra sessions of yoga, trampolining, Rebound Therapy and Sherborne movement which are always popular with the pupils.

Our Secondary pupils in Palms bought, prepared and ran a Healthy Tuck shop and all classes had fun making and tasting a variety of healthy foods.

We all enjoy this special week in school because we can try new activities and mix with pupils and staff from other classes and departments. You can see from the photographs how much fun we all had during the week.



Calvert Trust Residential

7 students and staff left today for a week at The Calvert Trust in Exmoor, Devon where they will be participating in a wide range of different activities, including climbing, abseiling, kayaking, sailing as well as a day out at Ilfracombe and at the beach. There are lots of photos on our website from last years visit and ones from this year will be updated as soon as possible. If you are interested in your son / daughter going along next year do let us know.

Friendship Week



Following on from Healthy Living Week last week, this week has been Friendship week and we have offered a range of different opportunities for our pupils during this week, including whole department music sessions with Brad and Lee, a whole school walk to the orchard for a sing a long and a mixed group art session with Diane. Well done to everyone for making it a success and very enjoyable week.

Have a good weekend everyone

Ruth