

**WE HAVE GOT THE RUGBY PARKING UP AND RUNNING AGAIN!**

And I can't thank all those who have helped to co-ordinate the rota and volunteered for the parking shifts enough, including Mrs Foster and her School Governors. This means that the school playground will be open this **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>** and next, **26<sup>th</sup> May**, for parking for the two big finals, and will potentially raise another £2,000 for the school funds, at a time when we have got so many urgent needs and ideas on the table for funding decisions at our next meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> May. THANK YOU EVERYONE and if you would still like to join us on either date, I can definitely use you; please e-mail me at [Frabbt@aol.com](mailto:Frabbt@aol.com). This is such a great buzz for the school as we approach the end of the academic year.

It's also **Dig Day this Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May** from 9.30 to 12.30 p.m. so we shall be meeting up with Sally and her team – do come along with hand tools if you have them. Tea, coffee and cakes on offer for parents, children, and staff for both events! J

And...**Only 45 days until Sportsweek....**

Thanks to Anne-Marie Jefferies and her team, SPORTSWEEK is taking place for the whole week of 2nd - 6th July and is another joint collaboration between the PTA and staff. Year groups will be following an Olympic/Sporting curriculum in Maths, English and Art classes and every afternoon they will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of exciting sports or activities provided by local clubs and organisations. The Junior Swimming Galas will be taking place during the week and on Friday 6th July the re-vamped Infant and Junior Sports Days will include new events and surprises. All pupils will be keeping a record of their activities and achievements in their Sports Passport and earning medal points for their houses; there will also be specially designed medals that will be awarded to all pupils at the end of the week. Everyone will be encouraged to be sponsored to earn gold medal stamps and all funds raised will go towards the Sportsweek costs. More information to follow! And remember the week will be kicked off with Steve Reiman's **Sports and Pop Trivia Quiz on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 8.00 p.m.** – teams of eight should be forming now! Our next **2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Clothes Sale** will take place on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May** in the small hall, anytime from 8.40 a.m. Please bring donations to the boxes in the small hall from next week, and a huge thank you to Philippa McCabe and her team for these brilliant sales.

Also those **Summer Fete Donations boxes will be out again from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June** - please bring good quality books, bric a brac and plant pots whenever you get a chance. Of course all your other sellable items could make you some money at **The Grand Car Boot Sale on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July!** Don't forget Mandie Lavin is the contact there, [mandie.lavin@btopenworld.com](mailto:mandie.lavin@btopenworld.com), and I really loved the last one I attended; I came home with a car full of brilliant things.

Another date for your diaries must be the **End of Year Children's Disco on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July**, more details to follow soon...

And the Summer Fete is going to be special. We are so lucky and so indebted to Maria Williamson and Mandie Lavin for their incredible amount of enthusiasm, energy, ideas and passion for the benefit of the school. I truly take my hat off to their goodwill, because it's not just about us all wanting the very best for our school and our children, it's also about continuing and improving a quality of life that we all love. And you know I often think of Alison, our former Head of Nursery, serving the burgers at the fete. That sums things up for me this week – we are all doing the events together, meeting, discussing, proposing, funding and celebrating – and that's what I truly call a Parent – Teacher Association.

Best wishes to all

Katie

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**D**ear Parents and Friends,

Next week we will have visitors from Ecole Paul Jozon, Fontainebleau. The children and staff from Year 5 will spend the day with our visitors and have opportunities to further develop their intercultural understanding. The school is planning to return the visit in due course.

The ICT Evening on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May was a great success, thank you to those who took the time to come to the evening and to give us feedback. A number of websites were recommended, copies of information from the evening are being sent out with this newsletter.

Janet Foster  
Headteacher

**Wildlife Area—Help Wanted**

A reminder that there will be a 'Dig Day' in the Wildlife Area on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May from 9.30am-1.00pm.

Many hands make light work and ALL HELPERS ARE WELCOME. The Wildlife Area benefits all children in school and your support would be much appreciated.

**Leavers Assembly**

All Governors, Friends and parents of Year 6 children are warmly invited to our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 1.45pm. This will be followed by the traditional Year 6 Leavers' Tea in the Wildlife Area for all those who attend.

**Queen's Diamond Jubilee (Reminder)****Playground Picnic**

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May we will be celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with a picnic lunch in the playground. Children should wear red, white or blue (or a combination of any of the three colours) on this day. **Children who usually have a school meal will be provided with a picnic on this day.** Children who usually bring a packed lunch should do so as usual.

**Celebration Mosaic**

We are seeking donations of glass tiles for a mosaic to be constructed in school as part of the celebrations for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. **Please put any tiles in the marked box in the Small Hall.**

## Class Trips and Activities

As always the summer term includes a full schedule of class trips and activities. The Year 1 curriculum has been supported by a drama workshop entitled 'Where in the World is Baxter Bear'. The Year 1 children have also had the opportunity to explore hands on science at the Lookout Discovery Centre near Bracknell. Year 5 enjoyed a drama workshop entitled an Indian Village. Year 2 children will be walking to Crane Park on Wednesday 30th May where, using their observation skills they will be consolidating learning about plants and animals in the local environment. Before half term Reception Class children will be visiting the Barnes Wetland Centre and Nursery children will be visiting Bockett's Farm.

## Scooter Safety and consideration for others ...

Mr Lights, our crossing patrol supervisor, has asked us to remind parents that children approaching the zebra crossing outside school should dismount from their scooters before they reach the kerbside in order to minimise the risk of them losing control of their scooter on the road.

Parents are also asked to ensure that children who ride scooters to and from school are considerate of other pedestrians on the pavements.

Please do not allow children to ride their scooters in the school playground at the beginning or end of the school day.

## School Sports Days

These will take place on Twickenham Green on **Friday 6th July**

**Infant Sports Day**  
9.30am-10.30

**Junior Sports Day**  
11.00am-12.30pm



We look forward to seeing many of you there.

## Year 5 and 6 School Journeys 2012/13

We have recently written to parents of all children in Years 4 and 5 about provisional arrangements for school journeys for 2012/13.

Historically, children in Year 5 have visited Sayers Croft Field Centre in Surrey for three days in February and children in Year 6 have visited a PGL activity centre for a week during the summer term. Costs in recent years have been approximately £100 for children in Year 5 and £360 for children in Year 6 with payments spread over a six month period. Please return slips promptly to assist us in our planning.

## The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Festival

**Luke Muraszko and Sam Power write:**

On Tuesday 15th May 28 children from Archdeacon Cambridge's School went to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Festival.

It was raining and hailing throughout the day. Two boys called Sam and Luke had the same opinion that the weather was horrendous and spoiled the festival completely, everyone agreed, including the Queen.

Unfortunately for the Archdeacon children, when the Queen got there in her grey Landrover, they could only see Prince Philip because the Queen was sitting on the other side of the car.

After the parade there were ballet performances. They watched Swan Lake performed by the Royal Ballet Association and after that took the minibus back to school.

Even though the weather was bad and they could not see the Queen they still enjoyed it.

## Year Group Assemblies

### Bookings for Crèche Places

As published in the termly diary, Year Group assemblies take place in the Large Hall at 9.05am as set out below:

- Fri 1st June—Reception
- Fri 15th June - Year 5
- Fri 22nd June - Year 2 (*followed by Year 2/3 transition meeting*)
- Fri 29th June - Year 1

As you know the PTA runs a crèche, staffed by volunteers, for younger siblings during year group assemblies. If you need a crèche place, please can you book one as soon as possible by texting Nicky on 07954 356771 or e-mailing [nickybarnicott@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:nickybarnicott@blueyonder.co.uk). Please book early so that we can ensure that the right number of helpers are available on each day. Finally, if anyone has any interesting toys for two and three year olds that they would like to donate to the crèche please could they let Nicky know so that she can arrange to pick them up!

## Junior Choir at Richmond May Fair on Saturday 12th May

Thanks to all the parents who brought their children along to sing on Saturday.



Fenella Warden, the organiser has sent this message:

"Thank you again for your excellent contribution to our music on Saturday. The sound was beautiful. Please thank the children and tell them they helped to raise £1003 for the two charities.

We were delighted with the way the children sang and I hope they enjoyed the experience as well as having fun visiting the fair on Richmond Green afterwards.

Please note that their next performance will be at 11.45am at the Summer Fete.

## Wildlife Week

### 12th-15th June (*change of date*)

We will be celebrating environmental issues during Wildlife Week which is being held from 12th-15th June. A taster of activities taking place during the week are listed below.

Children will be renovating the nine year old Stag Beetle Hotel and creating a new Bug Hotel in the wildlife Area.

Also in the Wildlife Area it is proposed to introduce blackboards so that children can record what they see while they are there.

The Eco Warriors will be running two design competitions one for an eco bracelet and one for an eco t-shirt.

The Eco Warriors will also be giving a presentation to the whole school about water harvesting.

We will be using the Jubilee celebrations as a source of inspiration for garden design ideas at the school. Look out for some colourful planting at the front of the school.

In conjunction with children at Trafalgar Junior School, we will be planting new shrubs also at the front of the school.

Fruit and vegetable planting is already underway with children recording information about their plants and developing their understanding of growth.

Finally, we will be creating a weather station so that the children can develop their understanding of weather forecasting and how it helps in our lives.