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Newsletter

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Diary Dates

WB 13/1/14—Clubs start—please see newsletter
 Monday 13th January—Free School Meals (see newsletter)
 9.00a.m.—includes tea and biscuits
 Tuesday 14th January—Year 4 Parents Meeting for NEW
 Year 4 residential 6.00p.m.
 Thursday 16th January—Non Uniform Day (free) for Team COLNE
 (Blue Team) only
 Friday 31st January—Non Pupil Day—the School is Closed.
 Thursday 13th February (p.m.) - Class Dutch Assembly to Parents

Free School Meals

Many parents will have read within both the local and national press that all children who are signed up for Free School Meals generate additional income for the school. With this in mind I am asking all parents, who think they might be entitled to FSM for their children and don't yet claim for them, to pop along to the Lower Hall this **Monday morning at 9.00a.m. tea and coffee + biscuits will be available.**

As well as the advantage of parents being able to choose whether to send their children in with packed lunch or have a free meal, FSM children are also entitled to and will receive a significant contribution towards the cost of any residential trip. Every FSM child, will also generate next year an additional £1300 of funding for the school, which is considerable. (Please see the school website 'Pupil Premium' for how we allocated this funding this year.)

Any parent is entitled to claim for FSM if they receive any of the following

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- An income-related employment and support allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190. Parents receiving Working Tax Credit for four weeks after their employment finishes are entitled to free school meals during that period. This also applies to parents who start working fewer than 16 hours per week.

Children who receive Income Support or income-based Job Seeker's Allowance in their own right qualify as well.

Bikes and Scooters

Many of the children have been given new bikes and scooters for Christmas. Please could you make sure that these are locked up when leaving them at school. We have had both bikes and scooters taken from the front of the school before and it is very upsetting when this happens.

Year 4 Danbury Residential Meeting

All Year 4 parents will have received a letter this week about a new residential trip that we will be running this summer for our Year 4 children. Mr. Bates and Miss Bailey will be running an information meeting on this new residential this coming Tuesday 14th January at 6.00p.m. at the school. Please do come along to find out more—canoeing, high ropes, climbing, orienteering—excellent. Please feel free to bring any and all children with you.

My Maths

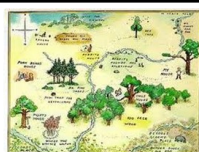
My Maths (the schools maths support programme) is now available for I-Pads. You need to access it via a free app called 'Puffin Academy.' A link is available via the 'News' section of the school website.

Newsletter Competition

Each week in the newsletter we will give you a single word. The challenge is to use that word correctly in a sentence. Children should write down their sentence with the word correctly used. The prize each week will be a book. This weeks word '**obstinate**' which means 'stubborn.'

Awards

Tigger Award (Trinovantes) - Thomas Wilson-Turco
 Eeyore Award (Oysters) — Thomas Gee
 Winnie the Pooh Award (Castle) - Peter Gaine
 Lion Award (Dutch) - Ethan Peek
 Sully Award (Mercury) - Brooke Garton
 Diddle Award (Claudius) - Lola Folkard
 Scrappy Award (Eagles) - Joseph Hurry
 Bumble Award (Circus) - Miarah Valencia
 Stitch Award (Daffodils) - Khanyi Kurys
 Mickey Award (Roses) - Naomi Roberts
 Simba Award — Mercury
 Spot Award — Peter Gaine
 Attendance Award - Mercury & Trinovantes



Book Review

This term, we will be publishing book reviews from some of the staff at the school of some of their favourite children's books. This week, 'The House at Pooh Corner by A.A.Milne' book review by Mrs. Bibby.

When I was about four years old I was given a copy of this book and although it was far too hard for me to read I loved listening to the stories. My Dad often worked long days but on the nights he was able to get home before I went to bed, we would curl up together in a comfy chair and he would read the stories to me, using different voices for the characters.

I also loved looking at the different illustrations, which were all small uncoloured sketches. My favourite pages were inside the front cover where there was a beautifully illustrated map of where the stories took place. These places actually exist and a few years ago I went to visit some of them and spent a very enjoyable hour playing 'pooh sticks' with lots of other people, old and young, on 'Winnie the Pooh's bridge'.

These stories appeal to all ages and I have read them to my children and now my grandchildren.

Christmas Quiz

Please remember that Christmas quiz entries need to be handed in to me by next Friday.

School Film

If you haven't yet had a chance to look at our 'School Film' which was co-produced by some of our Year 6 children and stars different children in the school, then please do have a look. A link is available from the welcome page of the school website.

Reading

Please do continue reading with your children at least 5 x a week. Some of our children made tremendous progress last term as a result of the support that parents gave at home and this is reflected in the children's successes at school. The reading trolley in the undercover area has plenty of books for parents to borrow.

And Finally...

Walking into my office this morning Mrs. Bourne was fighting, with a sealed packet of what looked to me to be blueberry's. I made some dry comment about the continuation of Mrs. Bourne's healthy eating pledge only for her to hold up what was in fact a packet of ink cartridges for a new pen.

Have a good weekend

Simon Billings

CLUBS - FIRST HALF OF SPRING TERM (w/b 13/01/14)

If you are interested in your child joining a club, please confirm your child's place with the School Office.

Clubs marked with an asterisk (*) are new clubs, or clubs which have changed in structure.

Parents do need to confirm their interest in these clubs. There are restricted numbers on some clubs, places will be on a strictly, first come, first served basis. Waiting lists will be kept for some clubs if necessary.

For clubs that are continuing (e.g. Cheerleading, Homework, Drama and Shakespeare club), then parents do not need to do anything, as we will automatically assume that you want your child to continue attending.

DAY	CLUB
MONDAY	Homework Club – Years 3/4/5/6 – 3.00 – 4.00 p.m. Dance Club – Louise (Carolyn's School of Dance) – Years 2/3/4/5/6 - £2.50 session/£12.50 for half-term (cash only) – 3.00 – 4.00 p.m.
TUESDAY	Football Club – (Chelsea FC) – Years.2/3/4 – 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. Cheerleading – KS2 – Years 3/4/5/6 – 3.00 – 4.00 p.m. *Choir Club – Years 4/5/6 – 3.00 – 4.00 p.m. *Craft Club – Year 2 – 3.00 – 4.00 p.m
WEDNESDAY	Football Club – (Chelsea FC) – Years 5/6 – 3.15 – 4.15 p.m. *Jumble Juniors – Foundation - £2.50 per session/£12.50 for half-term 3.00 – 4.00 p.m. *Fun & Games Club – Year 1 – 3.00 – 4.00 p.m.
THURSDAY	Drama Club – Years 5/6 – 3.00 -4 .00 p.m. Shakespeare Club – Years 5/6 – 3.00 – 4.00 p.m.
FRIDAY	Library Club – for parents and children (no need to book)

PLEASE REMEMBER FOR ALL CLUBS CHILDREN NEED TO BE COLLECTED FROM THE UNDERCOVER AREA AT THE REAR OF THE SCHOOL - MANY THANKS.