



05 March 2010

## Newsletter No. 9

Dear Parents,

### Parents' Evenings

Our Spring term parents' evenings dates:

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 3:30 – 6:00pm (Class 2 only)

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 3:30 -6pm (Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6), 4:30 – 7pm (Class R)

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 3:30 – 6pm (Class 1 only)

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 5:00 – 7:30pm (all classes except Class 1).

Mrs Brightman will also be available for appointments on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Sign-up sheets will be put on classroom doors next week.

### Book Fair

Thank you to all who managed to attend our very successful book fair. I saw lots of happy children leaving clutching shiny new books! I'm sure they will help promote very positive attitudes to reading. The book fair raised £234 for us to spend on new books. Thank you to Miss Pennington, Mrs Price and all the other adults who helped staff the book fair.

### Eco-Day

Our latest Eco- Day was another enjoyable one, helping us to focus on the sustainable side of our education, once again. The children enjoyed a variety of activities and, with the sun shining, we managed to get out and about into our grounds to revive some of the class gardens, plant seeds and see the first signs of Spring. We were very lucky to have the help of Eileen McHardy and Mark Hummel from the Horticultural Society to help us develop our orchard even further – we are proud to have raspberry canes and blackcurrant bushes which should help us to educate the children about food growth and production even more in the future. We look forward to long sunny days of fruit-picking! Special thanks should go to Mrs Jean Ainsworth-Smith who presented to all the classes and helped the children to learn more about the wider world through photographs of her globe-trotting travels. The children were fascinated to learn about tropical fruits, rice, palm oil and cocoa production, Komodo dragons, orang-utans and elephants!

**As part of our school spring clean, we have arranged a 'Spring Dig-in'. Please help get the school gardens ready for planting, and sow some seeds for the spring. Please come along to school on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> March between 9am and 12pm dressed in 'gardening clothes'. Bring your forks, spades, trowels, watering cans and children!**

### Sainsbury's Tokens

We are now collecting the Sainsbury's Active Kids tokens. The collection box is in the foyer by the Eco-Board.

### Haiti Earthquake Appeal

It seems like a long time ago now but, due to the inspiration of the children, we managed to raise over £630 for the appeal. The money has been banked with the Disasters Emergency Commission – a body which distributes aid between thirteen major UK charities. Congratulations are due to Maddy Anderson who was the first Somerset Gazette Pupil of the Week for her fundraising efforts!

### Kilve Camp, Kingswood Activity Centre

Our annual, exciting educational visits for Classes 5 and 6 are fast approaching at the end of this month. **Please remember to send in your final payments as**



**soon as possible.** If you are unsure of the remaining amount, please don't hesitate to contact the School Office.

### **MSA Logo Competition**

At the last MSA committee meeting it was decided that we should have a new notice board on the infants' playground. To help raise awareness I will be announcing the 'Design Our Logo' competition to the children in Monday's assembly. The winning logo will show what makes our school special and may include ideas around our buddying and Eco-Schools status. Logos should also include the letters 'MSA'. The lucky winner will receive an all-day pass to the water slide at the Summer Fete!

### **MSA Spring Eggstravaganza, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 3:15 – 5:30**

It doesn't seem possible but it's that time of year again! This year we have an even more exciting array of events. Pizzas will be cooked in a wood-fired oven and sold from a tipi, there will be an Easter egg competition, an art competition (what can you make from an egg box), a cake stall, and a sponsored bounce activity to name but a few attractions. There will also be a table top sale – an excellent opportunity to come and sell good quality items if you are having a Spring clear-out. Table 'pitches' can be purchased at £10 per table, payable in advance to the School Office. Please make cheques payable to MSA.

Of course, these things can't happen unless we all pitch in. **The MSA committee would like donations of pizza ingredients** such as cheese, ham, peppers, and pizza dough. **Donations of cakes and scones would also be very gratefully received.** There will be sign-up sheets on the kitchen door in the foyer. Another way to help is to donate a raffle prize. Prizes should be brought to the School Office from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March, please.

**We are also looking out for helpers!** Please see class doors for rotas for helping on the class stalls and the kitchen door for the café rota. If in any doubt please see Jane Woodland, mother of Matt in Class 1, or your class MSA rep.

### **MSA dates for your diary**

Fun Run – Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> May  
Summer Fete – Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June

### **Toasties**

Sadly, the Friday second session (4:30 - 5:45pm) will not run after the Easter holidays due to low numbers. All other sessions of Toasties will continue to run as normal.

### **Diary Dates**

Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March, 1:45pm	School Council Meeting
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 3:30 – 6:00pm	Parents' Evening (Class 2 only)
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Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Governors' Meeting
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Camp – Isle of Wight (returning 29 <sup>th</sup> March)
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 depart for Kilve (returning April 1st)
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Last swim. Classes 1,4 & 5 continue from 28 <sup>th</sup> April to 26 <sup>th</sup> May

**April 2nd – 18th Easter Holidays**

Best wishes,

Richard Stead  
Headteacher

