



## Mini Newsletter – March 19<sup>th</sup> 2010

Dear Parents,

We're not quite sure where the weeks since half term have disappeared to! We'll be sending a fuller newsletter out in the last week of term but here are some updates until then.

### Staff news

Many of you know that Mr Hoban is leaving us at the end of this term to take up a new promotion in a school in Huntingdon. Mrs Brown-Roche is also leaving her position here as a Midday Supervisor and TA to work full-time in a school in Cambridge. Over the next couple of weeks we will be appointing new staff to replace them both in the short and long term. Mr Davies is also leaving us, but not just yet! He and his partner have been offered jobs in an International School in Vietnam, which is a really exciting prospect for them both! He'll be with us until the end of the academic year though, so no need for goodbyes just yet.

### Y3/4 News

We hope you're looking forward to seeing our production next week, the children have worked so hard and it's been a real team effort! Many thanks to those of you who have produced amazing costumes and props for us! Looking ahead, next term (and she'll be visiting the school next week too) we will be having a trainee teacher working in the team, Miss Merrick, and she is looking forward to getting to know all the children.

### Y1/2

**Star-Gazing Night** We've been gazing upwards and as the Moon is now waxing, and Saturn is rising, and hopefully it's going to stay warm, we may well have our Y1/2 star-gazing night on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March, depending on the weather! If not, it'll be during the following week. We'll let you know on the day! You just need to bring your children back to school (and stay with them please, this is a family occasion) at 7.00pm and we'll be arranging a range of star-gazing and interplanetary experiences for you all!

**PE** We are now doing a lot of our PE activities outside, so children need to be either wearing trainers on PE days, or have a pair with them for them to change into. Jogging/tracksuit bottoms are fine for outside as it's still a bit chilly, but children do need a pair of shorts for gym lessons, long trousers just aren't safe enough when we use apparatus.

### Y5/6 News

The Young Shakespeare Company visit based around A Midsummer Night's Dream really captured the imagination and interest of the children, so was a great start to our work on the Tudors. We have our History Off The Page Tudor Day on Thursday so the children need to come in wearing their costumes, these days always give the children a fantastic hands on experience to help the past come alive for them. On Monday we are also off to CVC to see their "Into the Woods" performance, just a reminder you need to pick them up from there, not here, at 3.30pm

### Reception News

We hope those of you that could come really enjoyed our afternoon on Wednesday. The children loved showing their dance to you. We'd like to remind you that next Wednesday afternoon (24<sup>th</sup>) at 3.30 we are having a meeting for you to meet the team and talk about next term, alongside taking you through how we assess and report back to you at the end of the year about the fantastic progress your children are making!

### School term dates for next academic year.

We've had a few queries about these, and are just finalising them as we do try and link some days with other local schools with whom we work closely. We'll send out the finalised dates in the full newsletter at the end of term.

### Head Lice

How lovely to end on a creepy crawly note. The on-going battle between us, children's heads and headlice will never bring complete victory, but the best way to try and keep us all clear is for every family to check their children's hair once a week. If everyone does this, and treats as necessary, we can hopefully eliminate as many of our little friends as possible. We like to think of ourselves as a welcoming and caring school, but there are some life-forms we're happy to exclude!!!