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Newsletter



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Would you like to sponsor the school newsletter?

A donation of £10 to school fund will secure a 'Happy Birthday' or other message of congratulations in this space on future newsletters. What a lovely way to celebrate your child's birthday or the birth of a new baby! We are now taking bookings for each month of the year so if you would like to reserve this space, please see Mrs Arrowsmith with your donation.

INSET DAYS

Thursday April 15th
Friday April 16th
Monday June 7th

November 2009

24th
Individual photos
25th
Young Voices concert

December 2009

2nd
Christmas Coffee morning
8.45-10.30
9th & 10th
KS1 Nativity pm
11th
KS2 Carol Service at St Mary's Church, Wombwell
1.30pm start
14th
School Christmas dinner
15th
Choir to Parklands
16th
KS1 Christmas party
16th
Nursery visit to Sundown
17th
Nursery travelling crib St Mary's Church, Wombwell
11.00am
17th
Nursery party pm
Y3/4 Party pm
Y5/6 Party after school
18th
Break for Christmas
Return to school 4th Jan
February 2010
1st - 5th
International Arts Week
Week beg 8th
Y5 Bikeability
10th
Y4 visit to Magna
12th
Break for Half Term
Return to school 22nd Feb
March 2010
Week beg 1st Parent's Evening
Week beg 8th Science Week

Kingstone Uganda Project

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Lucky Numbers fund raiser. The winning number belonged to Callum Convery in Y6 who is now the proud owner of the drum. We have also been asked to pass on information to anyone who would like to join the project – see below.

Hi

We hope you are all ok. It was such a pleasure to be with you and work with your children. On Behalf of the Kingstone Uganda Project, I would like to say thank you for hosting us and such a great support you gave to our project of a cheque that you promised to send to us plus a ruffle that you promised to run in this struggle of raising funds to support build a school in Uganda.

We would also be grateful if we could get some of your staff members or parents and children come to join the group taking a trip to Uganda Next summer.

That trip will cost £1500 adults over 16yrs, £1400 adults between 12 and 16yrs, £1300 children under 12yrs. This will include return flights, accommodation, transportation and feeding. I hope to hear from you soon

Moses

Polite Request

When collecting children from school at the end of the day parents are asked to wait away from the classroom windows and doors. When parents sit on the window ledges or gather in groups in the alcoves to chat, the children and teachers can hear every word of your conversations through the open windows which is most disruptive. On a number of occasions the language overheard by children has been inappropriate to say the least. Please help us by waiting away from windows and doors at the end of the day.

Thank you



SAFETY SURVEY

We recently asked the children to give us some feedback on how safe they felt at school.

Q: What do we do to keep you safe at school? *All classes offered a wide range of appropriate responses. They know what school does to keep them safe.*

Q: What do you do to keep yourself safe? *Again, a wide range of responses, but mainly showing their desire to follow the rules and to tell a teacher if there is a problem who will sort it out.*

Q: When do you feel most safe? *Children feel most safe in the school building when lots of adults are around. They feel safe during fire practices.*

Q: When do you feel least safe? *Playground, cloakroom, going home – lots of strangers around, crossing the road to the courts – traffic, home time – children on scooters and bikes.*

Q: What do you do if someone does something to you that you don't like? *All know to walk away and tell someone. Range of people – teacher, Mrs Bentley, parents, TAs, playground leader, yellow cap, dinner staff, Mrs Clark, friend.*

Q: How safe do you feel at school? *98% said they felt safe at school with 60% favouring the top response.*

Q: What can we do to make our school even safer?

Keep gates closed and locked. Action: talk to children about when gates are closed and locked and when they need to be open..

Put up signs of things not to do – pictures of people doing dangerous things with a circle round and a line through. Action: children to do this

A fence to block the football from flying about on the field. Action: football only to be played in the courts, not on yard or field.

Y5/6 playing separately. Action – discussion with Y5/6 children about how they are perceived by lower KS2. Agree appropriate games and demarcation of yard.

Security guards. Action: Discussion with class about feasibility of security guards and what they can bring that current adults do not – talk about peer responsibility too. Complete the supervision risk assessment with children so they can see that we have maximum supervision in place.

Quiet area on yard. Action: Year 5 to discuss with playground leaders and identify suitable area.

Lollipop person to cross to courts. Action: staff to wear fluorescent jacket when supervising crossing road.

Friendship Stop. Action: Friendship stop to be established – talk to yellow caps about this.

Children asked us to check that the fire bell could be heard if they were in the toilets.

We did – and it is very loud with a flashing red light!

STAFF NEWS

We are delighted to be able to pass on the good news that Mrs Clark is expecting her first baby in May. Congratulations!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to a new member of staff, Mr Pettitt. He will be joining us after Christmas in Year 3 to cover for Mrs Vaughton's maternity leave.

Miss Clementson will also be re-joining us in January as part of our Early Years team, working alongside Mrs Carr and Mrs Hart.

Cheques

We are still receiving cheques without cheque guarantee details on the reverse.

Please note that, from 1.12.09, cheques will be returned unless they are backed by a cheque guarantee card and have these details and the name and address written on the reverse.

Thank you