

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you back for the Summer Term. I hope you all had an enjoyable and restful Easter holiday.

We have a busy term ahead of us with an Open Evening, Sports Days and school trips planned. Please check the bulletin and your e-mail regularly to find out important information for your child and what's going on.

Staff News

We are very pleased to have Mrs Stroud back in Year 5 for three days per week and we would like to officially welcome Mrs Brown, who is teaching the remaining two days per week. I have been in the class this week and can say that the children seem to be very motivated and having a wonderful time.

We are also currently recruiting for another outstanding Key Stage 2 teacher to complement our expanding school. We have already had enquires and I am confident that we will find a teacher who can offer not only expertise, but exciting and vibrant lessons for the children to enjoy. Year group organisation will be finalised when this appointment is made and I will notify you of these decisions after half term.

Long Hair

If your child has long hair - or a long fringe, please ensure that this is tied back off their face in order that they can see clearly. Thank you.

Summer

When sunny weather is forecast, please apply a high factor sun cream before school - it should last up to 6 hours. School staff cannot apply

creams and children should not have non-prescription creams and lotions in school. Please ensure that your child has a sun hat, a clear water bottle and suitable footwear including socks. Flip flops, crocs etc are not suitable for school.

PE

During the warmer, drier weather, we try to cover as much of the outdoor PE curriculum as possible. Children need suitable trainers or plimsolls for outdoor games. Years 3, 4 and 5 are using Potten End Cricket Club grounds again for their athletics and striking and fielding games, so sun hats and water bottles are necessary.

Last term I was very pleased to take some of our Year 4 and 5 girls to our first foray into the world of competitive netball. I was extremely proud of their efforts and am looking forward to building on this work next year with us joining the Year 5 and 6 Netball League.

We are currently finalising an opportunity for the Year 5 children to compete with another school in a rounders game. Get practising Year 5!

Year 5 has entered the Dacorum Young Artists competition and this work is being exhibited on the weekend of 14-15 May at Astley Cooper School between 10:00-2:00. I was extremely impressed with the quality of the work and I have been informed that the judges were also impressed with the efforts of the class.

Bug Hotel

Mrs Senior has asked me to request plastic pipe

(pieces that are shorter than a metre), bamboo and other items that will assist us in creating a 'Bug Hotel'. Mrs Senior has supplied the pallets and will be busy creating this 'luxury accommodation'.



Please find a Term Dates 2015-16 sheet and a Summer Term calendar e-mailed with this newsletter.

Village Show

This year the village show will be hosting activities with a focus on primary age children. There will be opportunities for the children to show their cooking skills making cakes and crumbles and a chance to show their 'growing skills'.

If your child would like to enter the 'longest carrot' competition in the show, carrot seeds, a pot and some compost are available. Please e-mail the school office with your request.

Class Photos

Our annual class photos are being taken on Wednesday 13 May. Please could your child wear school uniform on that day. Thank you.

School Uniform

We apologise that, for a short period of time, you will be unable to order school uniform as we are in the process of switching suppliers. A letter will be coming out very shortly introducing you to the new supplier and the various methods of ordering.