

POTTEN END C of E FIRST SCHOOL

Newsletter

5 February 2014

YOUNG VOICES

Wow! This was a very memorable event. Our choir of 42 children from KS2 spent the entire day at the O2 rehearsing with thousands of other children, and then performed to a capacity audience in the evening. The children really enjoyed the occasion and those parents who were in the audience reported that it was a fantastic, spectacular experience. Mrs Gardener, Mrs Birch and Mrs Wallis all worked very hard organising this event and preparing the children for it. I must mention that the coach driver from Tates was exceptionally obliging and helpful - I have written to Tates to thank him.

ROCK CHALLENGE

Another exciting extravaganza will take place on 25 February when our KS2 Rock Challenge dance group will be competing in the regional competition - Good luck!

COMMONWEALTH GAMES WORKSHOP

This lively workshop took place and all of our children participated in a fitness awareness session themed around this year's Commonwealth Games. It was noisy, energetic and great fun!

SKIPPING

Yet again we are doing extremely well in the Skipping Competition and both Y3 & Y4 are now through to the semi-finals.

EXPANSION NEWS!

It's starting! Finally after months of waiting, work will begin on this site during week beginning 10 February. The first task will be to create an access road for the construction traffic from Water End Road and to fence off the area where construction work will be taking place. The children and school staff will not have access to this area for the duration of the works, nor will construction personnel have access to the rest of the school site. Y2's portacabin will be removed over half-term and the car park will be extended over the Easter holidays.

As was explained at the initial meetings for each Key Stage parents, Y2 will be moved, along with all of their learning resources into the classroom currently housing Reception class. Reception class will be using the hall as their morning base, and will use the Nursery classroom during the afternoons. We have purchased some lovely portable equipment including a mobile interactive TV on a trolley to support their learning.

ARRANGEMENTS

Mrs Miller's crossing may be affected and may need to be moved - we have no details yet. Please be extra vigilant if you need to cross Water End Road, as there will be construction traffic accessing and leaving the site from the lower Pre-School garden area.

Reception class - from the morning of 13 February, please deliver your child to the external hall fire doors. There will be a portable coat trolley just inside the hall that will then be moved in the afternoons. Please collect your Reception class child from the Nursery walkway door at the end of the school day.

Y2 - from the morning of the 13 February, please deliver and collect your child to and from the steps outside the current Reception classroom (not the walkway side).

I appreciate that there will be some disruption and can only assure you that we will do our very best to minimise the impact on the children. HCC are managing this project, but I will have daily liaison with Ashe who are carrying out the works. I anticipate that there may need to be short-notice diversions and path closures from time to time. I will endeavour to keep you informed. Please keep a look out for notices. I ask you to bear with us and keep the finished result in mind.

12 FEBRUARY MOVE AROUND

YR, Y1 and Y2 will be going to the Lookout Discovery Centre at Bracknell while furniture and equipment is moved the school office on that day, as the removal company will be using the front entrance to the school.

around and some taken away into storage. Please refrain from visiting

Nursery, Y3 and Y4 will operate as normal. There will be no Benchball club on that day.

SPORTS PROVISION - SUMMER TERM

Arrangements are still to be finalised..... but Potten End Cricket Club will be providing equipment and coaches to teach KS2 children cricket for one afternoon a week and Game On will be providing sports coaching on another afternoon. These activities will take place on the Spencer Holland Recreation Ground. Y4 will be going swimming on a Friday morning to Sportspace, Hemel Hempstead. I think you will agree that there will be plenty of PE going on!

ILLNESS IN SCHOOL

We have an unconfirmed case of Scarlet Fever in school. If your child has a very sore throat, a high temperature and a red dry rash, please take them to your GP for diagnosis as antibiotics are needed. Thank you.

Jane Senior
Headteacher