



Newsletter 6

9th October, 2015

Happy Friday!

The week started with the first rain we have had in ages which could only mean one thing...camp week! There wasn't a dry eye to be seen as we waved our intrepid Year Sixes off (mainly due to the incessant drizzle) but fresh coffee kindly provided by Reverend Philip and his team made for a very pleasant leaving party. It was really exciting to see the children about to embark on a trip that they will certainly remember forever, and if you have been following Ms Dangerfield's Abernant blog or picking up her regular tweets, you will have had a very entertaining insight into the adventures and mud-filled fun they have had. I am so grateful to all of the adults that have given their time, energy and care to the children this week - Mrs Cross, Mr Cooper, governor Mrs Prevatt, parent Mr Burns and of course trip leader and Internet phenomenon Ms Dangerfield. If you are the proud owner of a year 6 child, we will of course keep you updated on their estimated arrival time so you can let the paint dry on the banner.

Have a great weekend,

Andy Bowman

Important School security procedure.....Please could I remind everyone once again **not** to open the school entrance door to let other people in. We have had a number of incidents recently when our Receptionist has been called temporarily away from the desk and children and parents have let visitors in to school. It is really important from a security point of view that only members of school staff open the door and that visitors are greeted, sign in and receive a visitor's badge. If other people let visitors in (including parents) it is very difficult for Reception to monitor and record who is on the premises. We appreciate it can feel a little awkward when you see someone standing at the door and it is tempting to open it, but it is so important from a security point of view that we follow this procedure.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

YEAR 4 New Barn Deposit.....Just a reminder that the £60 deposit for Year 4's trip to New Barn is due by Friday 27th November. If you have any questions, or issues regarding the payment, please see Mr Bowman or Ms Flynn.

Club News.....Years 3 - 6 Choir will be starting on Thursday 5th November and will run for 6 weeks after school, from 3.30 - 4.15. Application forms are available from the carousel.

Parking.....As you are aware, the gas work currently taking place in Richmond Lane has made the flow of traffic around school even trickier than usual lately. However on a couple of occasions this week, inconsiderate parking has restricted access and caused damage to The Green, where somebody parked while they dropped off their child.

Not only is this upsetting for our neighbours, but also I really worry that dangerous parking and frustrated drivers together may put our children at risk as they cross the road. Thank you to all of you who do your best to alleviate this problem.



Table Top Sale – Thursday 15th October- 3.20pm in the hall

Yay, sale time! The aim is for each class to collect goods to sell (toys, games, good quality clothes, bric a brac etc) and bring them in on Thursday. They can be stored on the stage in the hall. If class reps could each find two people to help set up and sell (and clear away!) that would be fab. We can't get into the hall until 3.20pm but it shouldn't take long to set up. Karen will supply floats. Thanks to those who have already signed up to help. Do get in contact if you need any help or information.

Angela

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Stall holders wanted.....St Mark's School is hosting a Christmas Shopping night on Wednesday 25th November from 6.30 to 9.00 pm and we are looking for local artisans to have a stall to sell their wares in a relaxed and festive atmosphere. If you are interested in having a pitch at £10, please contact Vanessa.williamsgrey@yahoo.co.uk

Coming up in October.....

8th EYFS homework meeting 2:30
12th Full Governing Body Meeting
15th – PTA Table Top Sale
16th Olympic Sprinter in school
21st and 22nd Parent Consultations
22nd Children finish school
23rd INSET
26th - 30st Holiday

Coming up in November.....

2nd – Beginning of Term 2, Children in school
4th -10th - Book Fair
6th Tempest individual photos
12th - Bedtime Story 6-7pm (Phase 1 children only)

Coming up in December.....

9th - Phase 1 Dress Rehearsal
10th - Phase 1 Nativity Performances AM parents of Forms 1,3 &5, PM parents of Forms 2,4 &6
11th - Phase 1 Nativity AM parents of Forms 7 & 8 at 10 a.m.
14th – 18th Week of Christmas parties
15th - Phase 2 Christmas Concert 6pm – 7 p.m. in Church
16th - Carols by Candlelight 6pm -7pm
17th – Carols on the Green
18th- End of Term Service 9.45am
18th – End of Term

And finally....On Friday Nell, Emily Jemima and I ran a salon at home. We raised money for our African school and we made £4.50. Afterwards we had a party to celebrate. Jasper, my brother, also helped.
Sophie Gittens F7

