

May 2010



NEWSLETTER

REMEMBER TO VISIT OUR BLOGS ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE!

Staffing

Our new Deputy Headteacher for September 2010 has been appointed by the Governing Body: Parm Gill is an existing Deputy Headteacher who is relocating to Leeds from Milton Keynes. Mrs Gill will also take over the role of Special Needs Coordinator. We look forward to her joining our team.

Further changes have been made to the school's existing staffing structure in light of growing numbers of children throughout school. From September, Mr. Sells will be our Assistant Headteacher and Miss Worsman will be taking over the role of Y3/4 Coordinator. Mrs Jones will, as a result, be taking full responsibility for a class next year and we are in the process of recruiting a part time teacher for her current role in Year 1. We aim to have four classes operating in Year 3/4 as of September due to such a large cohort of children in these year groups. The new intake for September 2010 will again be high with 60 children taking up a place.

OUTDOOR EQUIPMENT

During the Easter break, the adventure trail has been installed and is now in its final stages of completion. We will be organising a system whereby all children in KS2 can access the equipment safely with the winners of the 'Lunchtime Trophy' being given a special dedicated time of their own on a Friday. Clearly, safety is our key priority. In order for the trail to be used appropriately, the children will be instructed on essential safety measures and will be able to use the trail only at supervised times. For this reason, the equipment will be out of bounds before and after school. Please ensure that your children do not go on or around the trail when you drop them off or collect them.

ROCKET WORKSHOP

Look out for details of a parent and child 'rocket workshop' which will be starting in May. The sessions, each lasting 2 hours, are aimed at parents and children working together to produce a real life solid fuel rocket which is then launched. Space Connections run a range of space projects with links to the UK, European Space Agency and NASA. The project will be funded by school.

BUILDINGS

The building work continues to develop at a pace. You will have noticed the front of school looking very different whilst internal ceiling replacement and electrical work has taken place over the Easter holidays. I almost dare not commit to paper that all is on track for completion in September!!!

EASTER

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Easter Service celebrations and thank you to the parents who were able to show their support. The children from both Key Stages prepared their performances well and sang beautifully in the church once more.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

For more pictures and information, please visit the school website.



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THE ART OF MATHS

Children from Year 5/6 took a trip to Ikley Grammar School to take part in an 'Art of Maths' afternoon. Together with other schools in the Wharfe Valley, the children worked on shape pictures and geometric activities to challenge themselves both mathematically and artistically.

WILLOW SHEEP

In March, children throughout the school had the opportunity to work with



Cumbrian artist and basket maker, Phil Bradbury. Four amazing life size willow sheep were produced which are currently on show at the Darwin Gardens in Ilkley (Millennium Maze). Well done to everyone who took part.

BOOK FAIR

'Travelling Books' will be coming to school in June with a special 3 for 2 offer where the cheapest book is free.

Start date: 8 June

End date: 15 June

SCIENCE SHOW

Children from year five visited the Winter Gardens in Ilkley to watch the Magna production: **The Fantastic Kitchen Sink Show**. The show took pupils on a journey around the kitchen - a curious, messy, slimy world full of the materials and objects of everyday life. The Kitchen Sink Show provided lots of fun combined with engaging science as pupils helped the presenter carry out the show. There were also plenty of experiments which can be repeated at home!!

MUMMIES

As part of the topic work last term on the Egyptians, Year 5/6 watched 'Mummies in 3D' at the National Media Museum in Bradford. This term's visits will include a trip to Bolton Abbey to focus on rivers in their geography fieldwork.

PARENTMAIL

You should by now have received a letter informing you of the new communication system for school. Please return the reply slip as soon as possible with your email address and mobile phone contact number so that we can keep parents regularly informed and up-to-date.

BIG SING

Year 5 are currently working towards a concert which will be held at St. George's Hall in Bradford. This is a culmination of a year long singing project with five other schools from across the region.

LET'S GROW

Thank you to everyone who collected the vouchers for the Morrisons' 'Let's Grow' campaign. Lots of excellent resources have now arrived in school including: wheelbarrows, storage boxes compost, seeds, gloves, plant food etc.

The gardening club has resumed its activities. Mrs Gilks is keeping her fingers crossed for no late frosts! Each year group now has their own raised bed in which to grow plants of their choice. The potato competition is once again underway with the aim of producing the greatest weight of potatoes as possible. External and impartial judging will take place towards the end of term.

SATS

This year's Key Stage 2 SATs week for Year 6 children is 10th - 14th May. During this week, parents of Year 6 children should please ensure that there are no absences.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

School closes - Thursday 27th May 2010

School re-opens - Tuesday 8th June 2010

New intake Parents' Information Evening - Wednesday 9th June, 8 - 9.30pm

Whole school photograph - Thursday 17th June

Sports Day - Friday 18th June (weather permitting)

Y2 Parents' Evening, Transition - Tuesday 6th July

Children's Reports issued - 7th July 2010

Y5/6 Production - Thursday 8th July 7pm

Reserve Sports Day - 25th June

Final Parent Consultation Evening - Tuesday 13th July

As a matter of health and safety, could I please remind parents and children that the banking outside the Y3/4 and Y5/6 exits is out of bounds at all times.

Many thanks to the School Association for their donation of £3000 towards the new library books which are now being catalogued.

It is evident from the above list that we have a very busy and exciting term ahead which I'm sure will be an enjoyable one for all.

Claire Hemming