
Redland School News

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Dear Mums, Dads and Carers

March has arrived in a flurry of sunshine and blue skies.....hurray!

In less than four weeks we will be breaking up for our Easter holiday so let's hope the sunny weather is here to stay!!!

TD DAY CHANGE

The planned TD Day for June 25th has been changed to FRIDAY MAY 21st.

HELP, HELP, HELP!!

Please can you search in your cupboards and coat stands for any small pairs of wellies, raincoats or waterproof ponchos, etc., etc. The FS2 classes are in desperate need of any wet weather clothing for the pupils to use for their outdoor play sessions and learning.

MOBILE TELEPHONES

As a school we have a rule, along with all the other primary schools in Chippenham, that mobile telephones are not allowed to be brought into school by any of our pupils. I'm sure you will appreciate the implications for loss, theft and general misuse. The office is manned throughout the whole of the school day and any URGENT messages can be passed onto the pupils. Thank - you for your support with this matter.

SUGGESTIONS BOX

Following a very fruitful and useful conversation with one of our newer parents to school, I have hopefully thought of a new idea. This will help promote the gathering of new and interesting ideas from parents. I will be placing a SUGGESTIONS BOX in the foyer where I hope you as parents can give us innovative and inspirational top tips to perhaps make our school, communication, lunch times, after school clubs, curriculum nights, to name but a few, even better! Can I add this is **NOT** a 'Complaints Box'. If you have any issues you wish to take up with me or one of the teachers, please follow the usual lines of communication. Remember we are always ready to talk to you.

SPORTING SUCCESSES!

Our congratulations go to our football team who came 3rd in the recent Wiltshire Tournament. Our congratulations also go to the hockey team who also came 3rd in the Mid Wilts. Hockey Festival.

UNIFORM SUPPORT

There is a small pot of money available to those parents in receipt of benefits who may need a little bit of help in purchasing school uniform. This fund allows us to give you an amount of money to ease the burden of paying the full cost. Please contact the office for further details.

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Our thanks go to Franks Plants for their generous donation for our children. There will be a special Mothering Sunday surprise delivered home on Friday!

TEACHERS TO PARENTS TEXT MESSAGING

We are trialing a text messaging service from school to parent/carer's mobile telephones from tomorrow. You will receive a 'test' text message at 2.50p.m. tomorrow, Wednesday. Any parent who has a mobile telephone and you have given us your number, should receive this text. If you do not receive a text, please contact the office with your most recent details so that you can be included. It is highly likely we will use this texting service and therefore it is essential we have your number.

Some of the advantages are -

- Immediate cancellation of clubs
- Emergency closures e.g. weather
- Parents' evening
- Sports team fixtures
- First day contact/absences
- School announcements
- School trip reminders

Can I say at this point we need all parents to be on board with this new project. It would be incredibly difficult and probably unworkable if parents say they do not want to receive the texts from school. This would mean our administrative staff would still have to contact you by telephone or email at short notice which would be both time consuming and perhaps leave very little time to make you aware of important notices.

Our aim is to inform you as soon as we can of any updates and vital news.

**DEVIZES PRIMARY SCHOOLS
MUSIC SUMMER SCHOOL 2010**

A music summer school course will be held at Southbroom Junior School, Devizes from the 26th - 30th July 2010 at a cost of £40.

If you require an application form please collect one from the office.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY
MARCH**

Tues 16th 1.30 Yr.3/4 Production

Weds 17th 6.30 Yr.3/4 Production

Thurs 18th 7.00 Last Choir Standing

Tues 23rd Parent/Teacher Consultation Evening

Weds 24th Parent/Teacher Consultation Evening

(Mrs. Rolfe will be making separate arrangements with some parents)

Fri 26th - Thurs 1st April - Wick Court

Residential Trip

Weds 31st 12.30-3.30 Tag Rugby Tournament

Chippenham Rugby Club

Thurs 1st April - Break Up for Easter

Tuesday 20th April - Return to school

Best Wishes