

12 February 2009

Dear Parents

This week I have been enjoying observing lessons across the school, and what a pleasure it has been! The main feeling I have taken away with me is how responsive and thoughtful our pupils are, how keen they are to learn and participate in lessons and how hard the teachers work to make this happen. We had an interesting staff meeting on Monday with Cambridgeshire's art advisor talking about display in school. We looked at the effects of mounting and positioning, use of colour spacing and so much more. Then we all enjoyed looking at a huge variety of slides of displays from schools across the county that ranged from the sublime to the ridiculous. Having spent time almost crying with laughter at the more disastrous exemplars, it was our turn to self-evaluate. We walked around the school examining our own attempts and tried not to cringe too much. Aren't we always our own harshest critics? At the end of the session, we were left with a multitude of good ideas and practical tips that we hope to try out in the future.

Today is a day of blue skies and sunshine this morning; I hope the weather stays on our side during the coming half term holiday. Enjoy yourselves!

Best wishes

Anna

Kingswood Residential Trip to Overstrand, 4-6 March, Years 3/4

Information is being sent home today to parents who were unable to attend yesterday's meeting.

- Medical form. Please complete this and return it as soon as possible. **We are unable to take your child without a completed form.**
- Medicines. Please label any medicines and hand to Miss Haiselden on the morning of departure. **Asthmatic children must bring their inhalers.**
- Travel sickness. Please let us know if your child suffers from travel sickness. Giving them a tablet before they come to school on the day of departure would be very helpful! Please also supply a tablet for the return journey.
- Packed lunch. Please provide a packed lunch and drink for your child for the Wednesday picnic stop in Thetford Forest. This should be in a separate bag from the main one. If you would like a school packed lunch, please complete the slip below and return it to the office by 9:15am on Wednesday 25 February. School packed lunches cannot be ordered after this date.
- Pocket Money. There is a small shop on site. We recommend giving your child no more than £5 to spend. Children are responsible for keeping their money safe.
- Electrical items. Children may bring Gameboys, iPods, etc for the coach trip, but these will be taken off them on arrival and returned on departure.
- Mobile phones. Children should not bring phones. They will be too busy to use them or to miss home!
- **All monies must be paid by Friday 27 February to ensure your child's place on the trip.** (Please note that, if you opted to pay by a single payment, this was due by 30 January. If you opted for payment by two instalments, the first instalment of £60 was due by 30 January and the final payment is due by 27 February.) Please see Patrizia Smith in the office if you have any queries regarding payment.

If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to ask Miss Haiselden.

Parent Liaison Officer – please see attached information.



**CHILDREN
INVITE YOUR**

**MUM, DAD, NANA, GRANDAD,
CARER, UNCLE OR AUNT**

TO HAVE LUNCH WITH YOU

**ANY DAY, BUT PLEASE BOOK A DAY
IN ADVANCE
AND PAY AT THE OFFICE**

**COST: £1.90 FOR PARENT
AND £1.90 FOR CHILD**

Reminders

- Craft Club for Years 1 and 2 starts on Wednesday 25 February, 3:15-4:00pm. Please note that this club is now full;
- Keeping up with the children course starts Thursday 26 February;
- Class 1 Assembly, Friday 27 February, 9:15am;
- Homework Club for juniors only starts on Friday 27 February, 3:15-4:00pm;
- School is closed tomorrow, Friday 13 February for staff training and next week for the half term holiday. School opens again at 8:55am on Monday 23 February.

(Please return to the office by 9:15am Wednesday 25 February)

School Packed Lunch – Kingswood Residential Trip, Wednesday 4 March

I would like to order a school packed lunch for my child

Signed

