



February 2012 Newsletter

Roof

The damage to the roof is now fully repaired. The job took longer than originally expected due to the replacement of the damaged speciality glass in the atrium part of the roof. This was made to order and took longer than anyone anticipated.

Access to the school site

Following the removal of the scaffolding we are proposing to change the flow of pedestrian traffic on the school site. We ask that parents who are accessing years 1 to 4 use the playground entrance past the community entrance as we have done whilst the scaffolding has been up. After dropping off or collecting children please exit via the side gate (previous entrance and exit point). We hope that this will create a flow of pedestrian traffic and will avoid congestion at the side gate as people try to both enter and exit the site at the same time. Access to the foundation stage is unchanged.

Mrs Frame

We are grateful to Mrs Scrafton who has agreed to cover Mrs Frame's maternity leave from the end of this term until the end of the summer term.

Popcorn Productions – After School Activities and Breakfast Activities

The new activity sessions have been very well received by all of the children who have been attending. As the popularity of the sessions grows it will be important to book sessions in advance, however at the moment whilst Popcorn are still becoming established children can simply turn up to the sessions which they would like to try. For details of which activities are available each day please see the Popcorn publicity circulated separately or contact the school office, After half term there will be the opportunity to access the breakfast activities daily from 8am for £4 or from 8.30am for £2.

PTA Valentine's Disco

Please support the PTA Valentine's Disco in the school hall on Thursday 9 February 3.15pm to 5pm. Tickets can be ordered from the school office.

PTA Book Fair

The PTA will be holding a Book Fair in school from Tuesday 28 February. The children will have the opportunity to spend their £1 World Book Day voucher which they will receive in school that week.

Robinwood

I am pleased to report that once again our year 4 children have enjoyed a very successful visit to Robinwood, the outdoor activity centre. All of the children are full of enthusiasm for all of the activities that they have done and the challenges that they have overcome. They have all returned with great pride in all that they have achieved. Thanks to the staff who attended this year- Mr Vincent, Miss Dinning, Mr Peel, Mrs Winkell and Mrs Ramsay.

Parents Maths Meeting – Demystifying Maths

For those parents who missed the meeting that David Lewis (Maths Consultant) ran in the Autumn Term there is a further meeting being held at Richard Coates Middle School on Wednesday 14 March at 6.30 – 8pm. All parents are welcome to attend. During the meeting David will explain how maths is taught in school today and how this can be supported effectively at home.

Parents Internet Safety Awareness meeting

All parents are invited to a Parents Internet Safety Awareness meeting on Thursday 23 February at Richard Coates Middle School at 6pm. A talk will be given by John Devlin (NCC) to raise parents awareness of how to keep your children safe on-line. This talk is not suitable for children to attend.

Dates for your diary in Spring Term 2011

Thursday 9 February	3.15 - 5pm PTA Valentine's Disco
Friday 10 February	End of half term
Monday 20 February	Back to school
Thursday 23 February	Parents Internet Safety Meeting - 6pm at Richard Coates Middle School
Tuesday 28 February	Parents' Evening - Years 1 to 4
Wednesday 29 February	Parents' Evening - Years 1 to 4
Thursday 1 March	World Book Day - Children come dressed as a character from a book and bring their favourite story with them
Friday 9 March	Reception Assembly - 9.15am - Parents welcome
Week beg 12 March	Foundation Stage Open Week
Wednesday 14 March	6.30 -8pm at Richard Coates Middle School - Demystifying Maths - A presentation for parents to explain how maths is taught in school and how to support effectively at home.
Week beginning 19 March	Contrasting Environments Week - each year group will explore a different environment across the world
Friday 23 March	Sport Relief - we will all run 1 mile and donate £1 for doing it
Week beginning 26 March	Exhibition of work from Contrasting Environments Week
Monday 26 March	am - reception parents to view exhibition
Tuesday 27 March	am - Y1 parents to view exhibition
Wednesday 28 March	am - Y2 parents to view exhibition
Thursday 29 March	am - Y3 parents to view exhibition
Friday 30 March	am - Y4 parents to view exhibition
	End of Spring Term
Monday 16 April	Summer term begins

The above dates are those envisaged by the school and may be subject to change

L Blain
Head Teacher
7 February 2012