



16/10/09

Dear Parents

It was good to see so many of you at the recent parent consultations over the last two weeks. It always amazes me how fast the year is going. Another term will soon be over and Christmas is just around the corner! Following our interviews on Wednesday, I am pleased to let you know that we have appointed Miss Hopkins to cover Mrs Toppin's maternity leave in January. I am confident that she will make a valuable contribution to the Year 6 team.

Staying safe

Mr Bergonzi, our site manager, has asked me to remind you that children who bring bicycles to school should lock them up, preferably against the railing that was installed in the bike shed near the Elmbridge Road entrance. Please note that all bicycles are left at the owner's risk and the school cannot accept liability for any damage.

May I also take this opportunity to remind parents that mobile phones and valuable items should not be brought to school. Thank you for your understanding.

Keeping Healthy

We have had an exceptionally high number of children absent from school due to illness over the last two weeks. As most symptoms include high temperature and coughing, the Health Protection Agency is advising that children should not return to school until they are fully recovered. If your child is diagnosed with 'Swine Flu' they should not return to school until 7 days after the onset of illness. This will help reduce the spread of infection.

Some parents have expressed concern that some children are not being treated for 'head lice', causing their own child to be re-infected. I am sending some information home with this letter to help combat this problem. The school nurse can also be contacted on 07500089361 for further advice.

If your child has a packed lunch, please provide a spoon if they have a yoghurt. Thanks.

Excellence and Enjoyment

We have now elected our Eco-council representatives to help build on our 'Bronze' status in working towards achieving a sustainable life style.

Class	Eco Council Representative
1	Millie Freeman
2	Maisy Farmer
3	Oliver Lake
4	Brianna Matthews
5	Emma Chadwick
7	Mia Coleman
8	Mason Antonijevic
9	Mia Brown
10	Finley Davis
11	Charlie Rudge
12	Holly Brooks

Community

Please let the office know if you are unable to access the 'Parent-pay' online service. We may be able to offer the use of our computer in the library on certain days of the week from 8:30-9:00 am.

If anyone has any concrete 'slabs' that they can donate to the school, the eco-council would very much appreciate it. They will be used as a base and path for our recently purchased greenhouse. Please let the office know. Thanks.

Photographs

By now you should have received your child's proof pack of photographs. Please note that because of trips and other school activities taking place this week there was a slight delay in sending them home so the return date on the pack has been extended to **next Tuesday 20th October**.

Reminders

Please can I remind parents that all school meals must be paid for in advance. It would be extremely helpful to the admin staff if parents remember to check their Parentpay account regularly to make sure there are sufficient funds to cover the cost of meals taken.

Term 1 ends on Tuesday 20th October. Only members of staff are in on Wednesday for in-service training. Term 2 starts on Monday 2nd November.

Best wishes and have a restful break.



Glen Tharia (Head Teacher)