



From the Headmaster: Mr C. Hyde-Dunn, MA(Oxon), PGCE, MA(Ed.), NPQH

Letter to parents of boys in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Friday 6th January 2012

Dear Parents,

Pre-prep dates for the Spring Term

Welcome back after the festive season and a very Happy New Year to you all. We have really enjoyed hearing about all the exciting events over the Christmas and New Year, from tales of Santa and Rudolph arriving to staying up until after midnight to welcome the New Year! It has been a delight to get back together again and share in your son's experiences.

We start this term learning about the ever popular pre-historic dinosaurs which will be enhanced with a trip to the Oxford Natural History Museum. If you have any dinosaur related books or artifacts we could borrow in class for the next few weeks, please label them and bring them in.

This half-term we will also focus on finding out about the past and developing historical skills. We will take part in the National Birdwatch Scheme and learn about the special festival of Chinese New Year.

Plans for the second half of term include finding out about the original 'Superheroes' from Ancient Greece and then we will explore current cartoon superheroes with a special Superhero day - start planning your costumes now! Also traditional tales will be looked at and we will have a go at writing our own book! Along with Pancake Day, Saints Day, World Book and Poetry Day, and Earth Hour we have a lot to learn!

As we begin another action-packed term there are a few dates you need to put in your diary now, further details will follow. Each class will be performing an assembly, please do try and attend. After the assembly you will be invited back to your son's classroom to have a look at the work we have been doing.

Dates for the term:

Tuesday 10th January
17th and 18th January
Friday 20th January
Friday 3rd February
Friday 10th February
And....

Audiologist for hearing screening
Parent Teacher meetings
Trip to Natural History Museum
Reception class assembly at 08:45
Year 2 class assembly at 8:45
Reception and Year 1 Toys and Games afternoon
(parents and grandparents invited in from 14:30)

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Friday 24th February
Thursday 1st March
Friday 2nd March
Friday 23rd March

SUPERHERO day – come dressed as a superhero
World Book Day: wear superhero costume again!
Year 1 class assembly at 08.45
House Cross Country 14.00

2012 holds many exciting events, it will certainly be a year to remember and we will be marking each occasion in Pre-prep. We are already looking forward to the Olympics and the Queen's Jubilee in the Summer Term.

Thank you for your continued support with the change in the After School Club location; the boys are excited about playing in this lovely facility. A reminder that boys who have not been collected from their classroom at 15.35 will be taken to the new building with their book bag and can be taken straight home.

We are looking at extending the provision we offer for Year 1 and 2 after school activities during lesson 9. Please keep an eye out for a mailing coming soon.

Please can you bring into school any toilet rolls and newspapers that we can use for a CDT Project.

We look forward to seeing you at the Parent Teacher meeting soon to discuss the targets we will be working on this term.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please do come and speak to us.

Kind regards,

Pre-prep Team