



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

Letter to all parents

14 June 2011

Dear Parents

Further to last Friday's Pre-Prep emailing, the following amendments have been made to arrangements for after school clubs for the next academic year.

The Pre-Prep school day runs from 8.30am to 3.30pm which we believe is an appropriate length for pupils of this age. This is especially the case for our youngest children in Reception. However, at Abingdon Prep we are also committed to providing a wide ranging curriculum as part of a broad based education. Mindful of both of these features, we should like to offer a variety of club activities to our pupils in Years 1 and 2. These clubs will follow on immediately at the end of the school day, running from 3.35pm to 4.10pm. In this way we hope that more pupils will be able to access the activities.

At **15.35** pupils may either be

- collected directly from school, or
- Take part in an 'other half activity'
- join after school club, (this will only incur a charge from 4.10pm).

At **16.10** pupils may either be

- collected from 'other half activity'
- catch the mini bus
- continue in after school club

Exact details of the clubs on offer will be outlined by way of the usual 'other half' listing to parents at the end of this term. We plan to offer similar activities to this year as well as specialist fee paying activities.

In addition, I am delighted to tell you that with effect from September, the Pre-Prep Department will be introducing an "enrichment programme" for all its pupils on Wednesdays period 8. With a wide variety of activities broadly categorized under the themes of "sport", "creative arts" and "challenge", this exciting initiative is intended to give every pupil the opportunity to discover new talents, interests and skills. Pupils will be taught in small groups and awarded with certificates of achievement.

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We will ensure that all pupils can try a wide variety of activities and we will monitor their progress throughout the year. Further details of the enrichment programme will be available at the start of next term.

I hope the above information clarifies our proposals for future after school arrangements as well as our introduction of an enrichment programme. More widely across the school, I intend to undertake a full curriculum review in 2011-12, of which provision for the Pre-Prep will be an integral part. In this process I shall be inviting consultation from all parents and look forward to receiving your views and suggestions. Meanwhile if you have any further questions about the arrangements outlined above please do not hesitate to be in touch with either myself or Fiona Armstrong.

With all best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. Hyde-Dunn".

Crispin Hyde-Dunn