



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 14 October 2011

Dear Parents

Pre-prep Enrichment Activities

This half-term's enrichment activities have been particularly successful. I hope you have been hearing about the fun we have been having, from stomping in the woods, learning the 'face off' for hockey, playing dodge-ball and the dragon game in the playground, becoming expert touch typists, preparing food independently and making lots of creations with one piece of paper! We hope you have had a chance to keep track of the different group's photographs on the corridor display boards.

It is now time to choose a new activity for after half-term, continuing to be based upon a range of experiences in Sport, Creative Arts and Challenging Thinking.

Below is the selection of activities available for the second half of term. Please discuss the options with your son and help him to decide on a first and second choice of activity. An honest discussion about which activity your son will enjoy most would be appreciated. Once both choices have been made, please send an email with your son's name and activity titles to the email address below:

enrichment@abingdonprep.org.uk

The enrichment activities will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis, and there are a maximum of 12 places to ensure close adult supervision.

Please check the activity is available for your son's year group:

Sport

Aerobics for **Reception**, **Year 1** and **Year 2**

Keep fit and move to music as aerobic skills will be taught each week. Rhythm, co-ordination and fitness will be tested, new moves learnt and never know – the next JLS movers could be found!

Basketball for **Year 1** and **Year 2**

Learn how to control the basketball, attack and defend and score a goal. Practise new skills and play a game each week, the next APS Lakers in the making?!

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Creative Arts

Christmas Cooking for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Prepare for the Christmas season by making festive treats using simple ingredients that can be recreated again at home. Developing independent skills and active participation – yummy food fun!

Recorder for Year 1 and Year 2

Learn how to play the recorder and practice reading music. Learn simple tunes and rhythms in order to perform a piece to an audience at an assembly. We will provide the recorders and music - you provide the puff and flexible fingers!

Challenging Thinking

Nature Detectives for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

Get outside every week looking for signs of nature in the grounds. Acorn collecting, bug hunting, den building, leaf sorting and use of natural things found in our environment to build, investigate and create.

Touch Typing for Year 2

This has been a particularly successful activity where boys have dramatically increased their speed and confidence in touch typing. Therefore we are offering another opportunity for boys to follow a 6-week programme to increase keyboard confidence, learning how to touch type.

Please email your choices as soon as possible, by Monday 17 October as first come, first served.

Kind regards

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