



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

Letter to all parents

20 October 2011

Dear Parents

*Abingdon Prep's Fire Storm and Fire Works Party  
Friday 4 November 2011*

I am writing to invite you all to this year's Fire Works party hosted jointly by the school and the Josca's Parents' Association.

From 6.15pm	Car Parking available on the Field (see below) Please proceed to the School Hall via the Footbridge Food, drinks and games available in the School Hall
8.00pm	Battle of the Houses Fire Storm and Fire Works on the field
8.30pm	Depart

We are aware that many of you may find it difficult to get back to the school for a 6.15pm start. The period between 6.15pm and 8.00pm allows people time to arrive at their leisure, park, enjoy some food and drink and the stalls in the hall and then walk over to the field for 8.00pm when the Fire Storm will begin.

*Food*

All food and drink will be served on the Josca's House site. There will be a pig roast, hot dogs and vegetarian hot dogs available. Special dietary requirements can also be catered for if the JPA are aware of these in advance. The ticket application form in last week's school mailing has full details. A pig roast roll or hot dog is included in the ticket price and second or third helpings are available for a small charge. Mulled wine will be available to purchase and the bar will be selling wine, beer and soft drinks. There will also be various treats available at a small charge including popcorn, doughnuts and chocolate treats.

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### *Fireworks*

The fireworks will follow a similar format to last year with the return of the “Battle of Houses Fire Storm”, to be followed by the fire works.

In the interests of safety please do not bring sparklers or additional fireworks to the site.

### *Parking*

Please do not park at the school car park. Parking for all guests will be on the **playing field with access via the pavilion entrance off the A338 Wantage Road**. There will be staff and fluorescent marker tapes on site to guide you to a safe parking area. It is important that we do not block any areas for vehicles that may require emergency access. Please guide your children safely over the footbridge to the school and do not allow them to return to the car park unsupervised.

### *Winter Weather*

While we hope that last year’s torrential rain is not repeated, we recommend that you bring torches and that warm clothes and lots of layers are worn.

### *Disabled Access*

Please let us know in advance if you or your guests require any additional assistance or help with access to either the main field or to Josca’s house.

### *Alternative Viewing*

If anyone would prefer to view the fire works from the school, particularly those with very small children it is possible to do this from the Year 4 classrooms. Please contact Cheryl White, Chair of the JPA, for further details.

### *Playground*

In the interest of safety, the Adventure Playground will be out of bounds this year. In the dark and with potentially damp or frosty conditions anticipated at that time of year, it is not an area to use as a playground at that time of night. We will of course pre-warn our own pupils about our expectations for them that night – but may I ask all parents to take additional responsibility for young children or for any of their guests. The Beverley Field beside the Big Adventure Playground will be used to host our ‘light sabre battles’ before the fireworks begin.

### *First Aid*

First Aid will be available during the whole event. It will be located centrally in the school office until 8.00pm and then transfer to the field.

### *Poster Competition*

We look forward to seeing all the boys’ entries for the Bonfire Night Poster Competition (closing date 1<sup>st</sup> November).

I am grateful to the JPA for all their hard work in organising the event and I very much look forward to seeing you all there.

Best wishes,

Crispin