

Gatcombe Park Primary School Newsletter

For July 2010

Speaking to teachers

Thank you for your co-operation with our new message system for teachers, it is working well.

Wrong Trousers Day

Thank you to everyone who supported Wrong Trousers day in aid of children's hospitals and hospices. We raised £181 which is great.

We had some lovely Book Cover designs and prizes were won by

Erica Royer, Grace Phillips, Shanelle Lai, Alesha Lee and Ayesha Lee

Music lessons

As you may be aware, children can have music lessons in keyboard, guitar, flute, saxophone and clarinet. Children from Years Two to Six are able to take advantage of these lessons. There is a charge of £50 per term per family for these lessons. If your child is in the current Years One to Five and would like to start music lessons in September please put their name down at the office. If your child is currently having music lessons you need to advise Mrs. Coleby whether or not they wish to continue in September.

School meals

The cost of school meals is increasing to £1.90 a day from September.

London Residential visit

The next payment of £40 for London is due by July 5th.

Little Canada

If your child is currently in Year Three and you wish them to go on the residential visit to Little Canada on the Isle of Wight next May please return the form and the deposit by Thursday 1st July. If you want to talk to someone about the residential then Mr. Baker, Miss Duffin and Mrs. Roberts have all been and can answer your questions.

Club

The last after school clubs this term take place during week beginning 12th July.

Non uniform day

On Wednesday 7th July we are having a non uniform day. The children do not need to wear uniform on that day as long as they bring a bottle for the Bottle Stall at the School Summer Fair. The bottles need to be full e.g. bubble bath, sauce, lemonade, wine etc.

Open evening

The school will be open from 3.30 until 5.30 on Wednesday 21st July for parents and children to walk around and see all the wonderful work the children have been doing.

Reports

As you know you have already received three reports this school year for your child.

On Monday 19th July the final report of the year will be being sent home. This will cover the Summer terms creative curriculum studies, Religious Studies, Physical Education and a comment from the teacher and head teacher.

Attendance

Last week we sent out a letter from Councillor Hall reminding parents of the importance of their children being in school when they are well. Whilst I sympathise with the reasons parents take holiday in term time this is not an entitlement and does effect children's education. So parents are clear when the term dates and holidays are for the next school year I have put them below.

Term dates 2010/2011

Autumn term - 6 September to 17 December

- Half term - 25 to 29 October
- Christmas - 20 December to 3 January

Spring term - 4 January to 8 April

- Half term - 21 to 25 February
- Easter - 11 to 25 April

Summer term - 26 April to 27 July

- May Day - 2 May
- Half term - 30 May to 3 June

Dates

Friday 2 nd July	School closed for an Inset Day
Tuesday 6 th July	Theatre Company performing Wizard of Oz for the whole school. (There is no charge to Parents.)
Wednesday 7 th July	Non uniform day, bring a bottle for the bottle stall at the Fair.
Friday 9 th July 5.30 to 8.00	Summer Fair
Wednesday 21 st July 3.30 to 5.30	School open evening
Friday 23 rd July 3.30	End of term
Monday 6 th September 8.55	Autumn Term begins

REMEMBER to check the school web site for information about uniform, school meals and much more.

www.gatcombepark.portsmouth.sch.uk

Carole Roberts