



# QUEEN ELEANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER SUMMER TERM 2011 Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2011

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This is a very long newsletter with some very important information both about the last week of term and also for when school re-opens in September. Please make sure that you read everything!

## WELCOME BACK!

We are very pleased to welcome Mrs Barnes back from maternity leave this week. Mrs Barnes has resumed her role leading the learning in Year 6.

## GOODBYE TO.....!

As always at the end of the summer term we have to say goodbye to some of our staff. We have already advised you that Miss Bament is leaving to take up a post at another school in Milton Keynes. We hope she will be happy in her new post!

Also leaving is Mrs Neighbour, currently leading the learning in Year 2, who is going to take some time out with her husband. We hope that she manages to relax!

Miss Churcher (Melissa) has been working as a teaching assistant this year and leaves us to take up a place on a teacher training course in September. We wish her lots of luck!

It is with great regret that we have to advise you that Mrs Brammer will also be

leaving at the end of this term. Unfortunately due to financial cuts and budget constraints we are no longer able to employ two Learning Mentors. This has resulted in a redundancy process and Mrs Brammer is unfortunately being made redundant. As you can imagine we are very sad that her long association with our school has ended this way. We would like to wish Mrs Brammer all the best for the future and to thank her for all the hard work she has done on behalf of our children and families throughout the years.

## REPORTS AND PARENT CONSULTATIONS

You will receive today your child's annual report. Please read through this with your child/ren. We would be grateful to receive the parental comment sheets back either via your child's class teacher or at the parental consultations on Wednesday.

Parental consultations take place between 3.30 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday (20<sup>th</sup>). This is an opportunity to discuss your child's report should you wish to. We do not have formal appointments for this meeting; it is more of a 'drop-in' session. We hope that we do not keep anyone waiting for too long!

## NEW CLASSES

Children will spend part of Thursday morning with their new teacher in their new classroom. Hopefully this will mean that any fears about the unknown will be allayed!

## PARENT MAIL

Thank you to those who have already returned their data sheets. We are still waiting for quite a few reply slips so that we can get Parent Mail up and running for the Autumn Term. Unless we hear from you to the contrary, we will assume that you are happy for us to put your existing details on to the Parent Mail system.

## SCHOOLS4LIFE/ PARENTS4LIFE

You will have received a flyer last week about a parental consultation which is taking place this Tuesday, 19<sup>th</sup>, at school.

This is an opportunity for you to come along and share your hopes, dreams, concerns and frustrations about your child's future. These views will help shape a Parents4life website which will be a useful tool for all parents.

Come along and have your say; refreshments will be available and younger children are P.T.O.

welcome. You don't have to stay for the whole session - just drop in and say how you feel.

This event is being held in our Community Room between 1.00 - 3.00 on Tuesday afternoon.

### FAMILY PICNIC

Don't forget to come along and join us for our, now traditional, Family Picnic this Thursday (21<sup>st</sup>) at 12.15. We welcome all parents, relations and friends to come and share their lunch with the children and staff. Children who are eligible for free school lunches will have a lunch provided. Hopefully this year we won't be driven in by the weather, but, given the weather forecast for this week, something waterproof to sit on would be handy! This is always a wonderful event and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible there.

### TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

For the children in Foundation Stage this takes place on Friday (22<sup>nd</sup>). You will have a letter about this from the Foundation staff.

### LEAVERS ASSEMBLY

Parents of children in Year 6 are invited to the Leavers' Assembly at 12.00 on Thursday (21<sup>st</sup>).

### ARK FARM

Ark Farm are visiting tomorrow (Tuesday) and all the children will have an opportunity to interact with the animals.

### SWIMMING

On Friday all the children in Years 1 - 6 will have the opportunity to have a fun swim at The Watling Way pool. Please make sure your child has a towel and swimming costume/shorts in school on Friday.

### PERFORMING ARTS JAMBOREE

Thank you to all the parents and friends who came along to this last Thursday. It was amazing to see the wealth of talent we have in our school. Thank you, too, to all the children who took part.

### RUNNING SPORTS/ FOUNDATION SPORTS

These both took place last Monday; thank you to all the parents who came along to give their support to their children.

Well done to all the finalists and especially to : AbbieG., AbbieM., Alex, Bradley, Cameron, Chelsea Coop., Deacon, Jadah, Jeremy, Justus, Luke, Ma, MorganT, Tharuja, Timi, Tobi, Tyler and Zarahn who all won one or more races.

Well done also to Chelsea Fussell who won the parents' race closely followed by Emmeline Willis and Kerry

Takaira. In the teachers race Mrs Neighbour was victorious!

### TRIPS AND VISITS

Still trying to catch up on the trips that have taken place.....

### MUSICAL JAMBOREE

The children in Year 4 visited Bushfield School to take part in a musical jamboree with other local schools.

*On Wednesday afternoon we went to Bushfield School for a music jamboree. We took a double decker bus but didn't get to sit at the top. When we got there we saw two other schools called St Mary and St Giles and Bushfield. It was quite frightening when we had to play in front of 50 people but by the end it wasn't that bad! We heard the other school and they were really good as well. Then we went home.  
Tobi Alaran*

*On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July Year 4 went to Bushfield School for a musical jamboree. Year 4 played the recorders and our teacher was Mrs Myers. We travelled there in a double decker. Year 4 from Bushfield were playing a big drum called a samba - it was very loud! St Mary and St Giles were playing xylophones and they made me feel settled. And when we were all finished we went back to school before home time.  
Jade Davie*

P.T.O.

## BIKEABILITY

Children in Years 5 & 6 had the opportunity to take part in Bikeability.

*We went to ride in Stony Stratford so that we could learn how to ride on a main road. We had really good fun because we rode on our bikes. Kaysie Sweeny & Gemma Edmunds*

*During Bikeability we got to ride around Stony and public roads. Also we got cool badges and certificates. Nathan Deakin and Abi Buckton*

## READING CHALLENGE

During assembly this morning the children were introduced to the Milton Keynes Library Challenge for this summer : CIRCUS STARS. This consists of a challenge to read 6 books over the summer holidays. If the children manage to complete the challenge they will be given a certificate and a badge. Registration begins from Saturday (23<sup>rd</sup>) at Stony Stratford Library (or any other Milton Keynes Library). Why not go along and register!

## HOUSE POINTS/ GOLDEN BOOK

No house points or Golden Book this week; End of Year awards and the House Cup and House Shield will be awarded at the end of this week.

## ATTENDANCE

Attendance across the whole school for last week was 92.8%

The class with the highest attendance for the week ending 8<sup>th</sup> July was Blue class with 98.8%

## SUMMER BREAK

School finishes at 3.00 p.m. this Friday (22<sup>nd</sup>) for the summer break.

## SEPTEMBER 2011 REMINDERS

School starts for the children at 8.45 a.m. on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

## UNIFORM

From September we would request that ALL children have a pair of plimsolls that they can wear indoors. Please make sure that your child's plimsolls have their name in. This is a health and safety issue because if the children walk around the school in socks there are places where they could slip. In addition should we have a fire drill (or a real fire) when it is raining the children will get very wet feet if they don't have indoor shoes.

We do ask that all children wear school uniform as this helps to make the children feel part of our community. School uniform is a red or white polo shirt, a red sweatshirt or jumper (no hoodies, please), black or grey trousers, shorts or skirts and red and white checked dresses.

From September we do ask that girls wear a skirt,

trousers or a dress. Please do not send your daughter to school with leggings underneath skirts and dresses.

No jewellery should be worn to school apart from a pair of ear studs or a single ear stud and a wrist watch. All other jewellery could be a health and safety issue and children will be asked to remove any other jewellery that they do wear.

Hijabs should be red, white or black.

Whilst we understand that occasionally it is not possible for your child to wear their school uniform, we would be grateful if children did not come to school wearing jeans (unless it is a non-uniform day).

School uniform can be purchased from the front office and we attach an order form should you wish to order uniform for September. School will be open between 1.00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September to allow uniform to be collected. Please note that the manufacturers have increased the price of the uniform slightly.

## WATER BOTTLES

All the children in the school will be given a water bottle at the beginning of the year. These should be taken home and refilled with fresh water every day. Please make sure that only WATER is provided for lesson times. Should you wish your child to have juice, this can be provided, separately for lunchtime.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**FULLERS SLADE  
FUN DAY**

The Fullers Slade Fun Day is fast approaching and will take place this Saturday (23 July) between 11.00 - 14.00.

There will be lots going on including glass painting, rocket making, tombola and arts 'n' crafts. We also have a fantastic raffle with prizes including a voucher to 360 play and a MK Dons shirt!! Tickets can be obtained from this Friday at coffee morning with all money going to the Fullers Slade Action Group. Tickets are 25p each or £1 for 5.

If anyone would like to help out or wants more details about the day please call Trina, the Community Mobiliser on 07738 405374.

See you this Saturday!!!