

News on the Nineteenth

Ponsbourne St Mary's Primary School

May 2010

HALF TERM

31st May - Return to school 7th June

Contact Details

We have, on several occasions recently been unable to contact parents when children have been poorly.

It is essential that the school have your

UP TO DATE contact details including mobile numbers and email addresses.

Please see Michelle in the office to check that your details are current.

Many thanks.



TRAFFIC

Please be very aware of traffic through the village. Cars drive extremely fast and do not always stop on the zebra crossing. Please report any poor/dangerous driving. Incident forms are in the Porch.

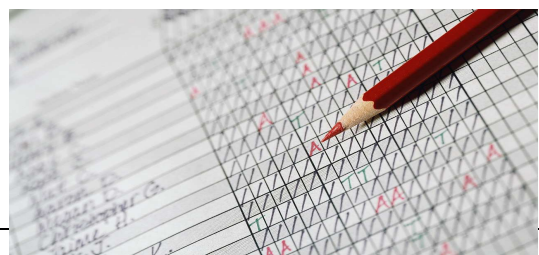
School Attendance.

Please ensure holidays are **not** booked during term time. School holiday dates are available on the end of this newsletter. The procedure for requesting holidays in term time is as follows:

- ✚ Collect a form from Porch (at least 3 weeks before)
- ✚ Complete and return to school office
- ✚ Form considered by Head teacher
- ✚ Decision given to Parents and form returned.

Please note holidays during term time will not be authorised unless there are extenuating circumstances, as this causes disruption to your Child's education. This policy is a National Policy and is common to all schools. We have noticed a recent rise in requests for school holiday forms! Please ensure that we maintain our much improved attendance figures.

Thank you.



May Fayre

Many thanks to all who helped and supported at the May Fayre on Sunday. Well done to our dancers - you were great! Despite the windy weather and the odd shower a wonderful time was had by all.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

BUDGE UP DAY

Children 'Budge Up' to their new September classes for the morning of 8th July. Hopefully this will ease any concerns your child may have. It will also allow your child to meet their new teacher.

ACTIVITY DAY

Children in Year 5 will be attending an activity day at Mount Grace Secondary School from 1pm until 3.15pm. Please collect your child direct from Mount Grace. Siblings can be collected from Ponsbourne at 2.50pm????????????????

CAKES

Discoverers will be having a cake sale on 11th June after school. Cakes from 20p

TOLMERS - YRS 4-6

3rd June - 5th June

Drop off 9.30am - Wednesday

Collection 2.30pm - Friday

Final payment by Friday 22nd May 2009

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day has been set for 22nd June. The day will run the same as last year, parents are invited to have a picnic lunch with the children. If the weather is bad we will move it to 30th June. Fingers crossed!!!!

SUMMER WEATHER

As the weather is very slowly starting to get warmer, children are encouraged to bring **WATER** to



school in a non-spill bottle, labelled with their name. They will also need to have sun cream applied before school and we have navy school caps available for purchase. If children suffer with hay fever please give them the appropriate medication before school.

Fashion Show

The Fashion show was a great success and raised £333 for the school. Many thanks to Julie Millwood and her helpers for organising the event.. A huge round of applause to the models, parents and children alike! Apparently there is some video footage

Bonus Ball

Many thanks to Sarah Walk for organising the Bonus Ball, £146 has been raised this half term alone. **Winners' were:** Liz Cannon, Nikki Hastings, Sandra Smith, Alis Rocca and Simon Pryor. Remember, you need to be in it to win it so look out for Sarah and buy your ball for next half term.

School Meals

School meal prices are set to rise by 10p per meal from September 2010. At £1.90 this represents excellent value for money.

RACE FOR LIFE

Litsa is running in the Race for Life Cancer run in July. If anyone wishes to sponsor her, please visit [www..raceforlifesponserme.org/LitsaAndrea](http://www.raceforlifesponserme.org/LitsaAndrea) or speak to Litsa direct.

TESCO/SAINSBURYS VOUCHERS

Thank you for the wonderful response. Many thanks to the parents who counted their vouchers before sending them in, and to Rachel McHattie for counting the others. Tesco have stopped this promotion now so if you have any vouchers at home please send them into school asap. Sainsbury's voucher scheme ends on 8th June. We have collected 2166 Sainsbury voucher and 9765 Tesco vouchers to date. Well done.

The Best Place in my Village.

Well done to Charlotte Jennings whose poster gained her third prize in the Village of the Year Poster Competition. Charlotte has been invited to the presentation evening on 1st July at County Hall where she will receive her prize of a WH Smith voucher.



Absence from School.

If your child is absent from school, please let the school know before 9.15 am. The school answerphone is on at all times so messages can be left. If we have not heard from you we will contact you, as per County guidelines and a letter of explanation is needed when your child returns to school. Thank you.

15th-19th February 2010	Half Term
22 nd February 2010	Inset Day
24 th February	School nurse height/weight Year 6 children
25 th February 2010	Knex challenge KS2
3 rd March 2010	FTS meeting at Viv Owen house 8pm.
3 rd March 2010	PARENTS Evening FROM 3.20PM Parents surgery - please book an appointment to see the Head and Chair of Governors via the school office.
7 th March 2010	Gala concert Royal Albert Hall
11 th March 2010	Y5/6 Netball/Football tournament all day
15 th March 2010	Governors Meeting
17 th March	School individual photos
22 nd March	Gifted and Talented session Archaeology at The Ryde School Hatfield
22 nd March	Explorers visit to London
31 st March	Chris Rodis in school for Music lessons
1 st April 2010	Finish school at 1.15pm.
2nd-16th April 2010	Easter holiday
19th April 2010	Inset Day
20 th April 2010	Children return to school
27 th April 2010	BAG2SCHOOL
28 th April 2010	Gifted and Talented Session 'Mission to Mars' at

	Countess Anne School
29 th April 2010	Primary Reception Allocation Day
3 rd May 2010	May Bank Holiday
7 th May 2010	FTS fashion show
10-14 th May 2010	SATs week (KS1/KS2)
16 th May 2010	May Fayre
21 st May 2010	Primary Reception Appeal Deadline
22 nd May 2010	African Football tournament Y5/6
31 st May -4 th June 2010	Summer Half Term
7 th June 2010	Children return to school
25 th June 2010	Gifted and talented Creative Workshop at DeHavilland School
16 th July	THE BIG BANG EASTERN STEM SHOWCASE DAY DUXFORD MUSEUM
22 nd July 2010	School concert
23 rd July 2010	Finish school @ 1.15pm
1 st September 2010	Inset Day
2 nd September 2010	Children return to school
20 th September 2010	Governors Meeting
19 th October 2010	BAG2SCHOOL
25 th - 29 th October 2010	Autumn half term.
15 th November 2010	Governors meeting
17 th December 2010	Finish school @ 1.15pm
20 th December-3 rd January 2011	Christmas Holiday
21 st Feb - 25 th Feb 2011	Half term holiday
8 th April 2011	Finish school @ 1.15pm
11 - 25 th April 2011	Easter holiday
26 th April 2011	Children return to school
2nd May 2011	May Day Bank holiday

Please remember NOT to book holidays in TERM TIME. Absence due to holidays will not be authorised as there will be 12 weeks in which to enjoy holidays outside term time.

Thank you.