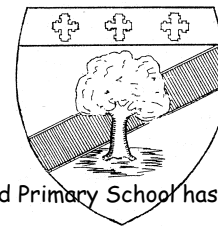


HENLEY IN ARDEN COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

BREAKING NEWS... Our application to become a Voluntary Aided Church of England Primary School has now been officially accepted. On 1st April 2010, we will become

Henley in Arden Church of England Primary School.

This is a very exciting and historic development for our school which we will be celebrating in a number of ways.

Children - At the Easter Celebration at 1.30pm on Friday 26th March, we will close our service and this phase of our school life by giving every Key Stage 2 child a new school tie funded by the PTA (children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6). Every child will receive a special commemorative pencil to mark the occasion. The design of the tie has been chosen collaboratively by Governors, staff, parents and children to add the colour of our three school houses in the stripe.

On Tuesday April 20th at 11.00, there will be service at St John's Church led by Revd. John Ganjavi and The Right Reverend Dr Christopher Cocksworth, Bishop of Coventry to commission the new school followed by a procession back to school where he will unveil a commemorative plaque. Children in Year 4 and 5 will be invited to this along with representatives of our school and town community. In the afternoon all parents are invited to celebrate the beginning of our new school in an act of worship led by the children at 1.45 in the hall.

Uniform - the only change to uniform is the tie and the logo on the sweatshirt. There is no expectation that children should all have the new uniform to start the summer term. They should use up the uniform they are wearing at the moment. However, for those who are ready to change, the new uniform will be available from both suppliers during the Easter holidays. All uniform will remain at the current prices. The book bags will cost the same and still be available from school. Our Alcester supplier, National Schoolwear, will be selling off old uniform at much reduced prices until stock is cleared. Early Years will be sending surplus stock to a charity they work with in Romania. More information to follow.

Book Day 4th March TOMORROW!

Our theme this year is Science Fiction so children can dress up as a character from a science fiction story that they have read. Children will be asked to bring the book to school their character appears in and be able to talk about it to others if asked.

From Janet Strugnell Extended services

For parents of children aged 5 - 14 years

You might be interested in a new parenting programme called, 'What should we tell the children about relationships?' The programme will help you develop confidence and skills to deal with some of the difficult issues surrounding this sensitive topic. For example: What do you say when put on the spot? Is there a right time to talk? What should I say?

A taster session for all Parents within the Henley Cluster will take place at **Henley High School on 24th March 7.00pm - 8.30 pm** (same day as Parents' Evening!) with the possibility of a main course starting in the Autumn Term. If you are interested in attending please inform the school office by **16th March**.

Alternatively, you can email your interest to me at janet_strugnell@yahoo.co.uk.

Places are limited and will be offered on a first come first served basis. Ask for a form from school.

Parents' Evening

Lists will be in the entrance hall to sign up for Parent Teacher consultations from Monday 8th March.

Meetings are on Wednesday 24 March from 6.00 - 8.00 or Thursday 25th March from 3.30 - 6.00.

Reading Army

If you are in our Reading Army, you will receive a letter inviting you to an informal evening in school with refreshments when we can share experiences and learn more about children's reading on 16th March at 7.30. Please put the date in your diary.

Recycling school uniforms

See last newsletter if you would like to volunteer.

Wanted - double sided easels or blackboards for a special handwriting project. Thank you.

Aston Partnership

We have recently formed a partnership with a school in Aston called 'Yew Tree Primary School' through an extended services initiative to improve our children's experience of community cohesion. It is opposite the car park to the North stand at the Aston Villa ground overlooked by the Doug Ellis stand. Staff from the two clusters of schools met together to share vision and to plan. Our children in Year 4 and 5 have become pen pals with two Year 5 classes at Yew Tree. On 17th March, they will spend the day in Aston with the Yew Tree children visiting Aston Villa and Aston Hall as well as the school. We are very excited about the rich experiences our children will have as they meet children who have very different cultural backgrounds but who are interested in many of the same things. We will have access to many of the wonderful educational facilities at Aston Villa too. The Yew Tree children are excited about coming to visit our High Street and to walk up the Mount. They will work on an art project together culminating in an exhibition.

Dinner Money

After Easter, the system for collecting, counting and banking dinner money will change as county caterers will no longer be offering this service. It will all be run from the school office by our new clerical assistant who will be appointed next week. Please continue to put your child's dinner money in a clearly labelled envelope which they should take in to the classroom and hand to the class teacher as they do now. We will be reintroducing dinner registers to keep a very close check on daily dinner numbers. We expect this system to work well for all of us once it is embedded in to school routines.

March		
4	All day	World Book Day- dress up; science fiction theme
5	All day	Teacher Training Day
8	All week	Book Fair
12	9.00	Y5 Assembly
16	9.15-11.30	Stratford swimming gala
16	7.30 - 8.30	Reading Army evening
17	10.00 -2.00	Y4 & Y5 visit Aston
18	3.30	Henley High School Netball tournament
24	6.00 - 8.00	Parents' eve 25 th 3.30 - 6.00
26	1.30	Easter celebration/ break up
April		
12	9.00	Back to school
17	9.00	Studley Netball tournament
18	10.00	New parents' coffee morning
20	All day	Celebrations to open new school
23	6.00-7.30	Celebration disco
28	10.00-2.00	10.00-2.00 Yew Tree visit Henley
May		
3	All day	Bank holiday - closed
10	All week	KS2 SATs
18	10.00 - 11.00	New Reception coffee morning
28	3.30	Break up
June		
7	9.00	Training Day
8	9.00	Back to school
8	4.15	Area field athletics at our school
14	Am	Class and team photos
16	CHANGE OF DATE	9.30 - 11.00 Open morning for prospective parents
22	1.30 - 3.00	New Reception Play afternoon A-M
24	1.30 - 3.00	New Reception Play afternoon N-Z
29	All day	Year 6 induction day
July		
2	9.05	Reception assembly
6	1.30 - 3.00	New Reception Play afternoon N-Z
8	1.30 - 3.00	New Reception Play afternoon A-M
9	6.00-7.30	Leavers' disco
15	11.00	Sports Day and picnic
16		Last swim
19	6.00	Meet the Teacher & BBQ
21	3.30	Year 6 Rounders
23	3.15	Break up

