



Dear Parents/Carers

Congratulations Mrs Small!

Many congratulations to Mrs and Mrs Small on the birth of Edward Owen, born on Sunday 18th February. Both are doing well.



Parents' Computer Course

Please see the back of this newsletter for details of a 'taster' computer session for parents organised by Parenting 2000.



Children's Heart Association

Congratulations to Sean Farrington (Class 1) who won his own balloon party kit this morning in assembly as his balloon travelled the furthest recorded distance (to Laxey on the Isle of Man.)

Full details of money raised for the CHA will be announced next week.



NSPCC Fundraising

Children will have brought home details of the Spellathon/Whizzy Words activities that they have been asked to do for the NSPCC.

Tests will take place on the 27th February and all sponsor money should be returned to school by Thursday 8th March.

As explained in previous newsletters, we are aware that this is a busy term for fundraising but we do ask you to give generously to this worthy cause.



Gym Club

Gym club is cancelled on Monday 26th February.



School Uniform

Please accept our apologies for the delay in school uniform orders. Our supplier has had a problem with one of their suppliers hence the delay in our order. They have given us a delivery date of early April. I will inform you when it arrives. Many thanks for your patience.



Arty Fact Theatre Company

This excellent travelling theatre company will be joining us again on the afternoon of Thursday 1st March to perform 'Riddle of the Ruin' – a history based performance for all classes.

As always, our PFA will be making a substantial contribution to the cost of the performance but we would ask for a voluntary contribution of £1 per child.

Please send money in a marked envelope at any time next week.



Running Club Sponsored Race

You should have received details yesterday, explaining that a team of runners from St. John's will be taking part in a 3km fun run on Sunday 1st April in Victoria Park. Runners will be seeking sponsors to help pay for a Pro-shot ball chute on our playground that we hope will greatly enhance playtimes and also encourage ball skills, physical activity and exercise.

If you would like to join the team of runners please complete the reply slip on yesterday's letter as soon as possible



Athletics Team

Our Athletics team are competing at Stanley High School in the area finals on Tuesday afternoon.

We wish them the best of luck.



Swimming

Next Monday (26th February) is the last swimming session for Year five children.

On Monday 5th March Year six will begin their 10 week slot. A letter will go out to Year six children about this.

Year Six who previously attended Booster classes will have these classes at an alternative time.



Scholastic Book Club

Please could all orders from the March leaflet be placed at the school office by Friday 3rd March.



Headlice

Please check your child's hair for headlice every week. Additional guidance is available from Crossens Pharmacy on Rufford Road and from our School Nurse (Gill Thorpe) who visits every Wednesday morning and is on the playground from 8.45 am.



Breakfast Club

Remember that we offer very high quality childcare and a full, healthy breakfast to children from 7.45 am every morning. Many parents have found this highly convenient if their working hours vary or involve an early start.

You can book your child into Breakfast Club at short notice and for the odd dates that suit you or every day. The cost is £3 per session.

Booking forms are available from the office or Mrs Rachel Clarke (Breakfast Club Manager) who is based in Class Four.



Bonus Ball

Last week's winner was Ms Julie Allman with number 8 – well done!



Parenting 2000

You are very welcome to attend our weekly meetings every Wednesday in the Family Room. Please join Anne-Marie and Rachel from 9 am. Pre-school children are also welcome.

This is an excellent opportunity to meet other parents and to find out more about a wide range of activities and sources of support for parents.



Term Dates

March

- 1st Arty Fact Theatre Co. 'Riddle of the Ruin'
- 23rd Mufti Day for Easter Bingo
- 26th PFA Easter Bingo
- 30th Easter Service 9.30 am
- Term Ends at 1.45 pm

Best wishes

Mr Daniel Hains
Headteacher

Parenting 2000

Do these words fill you with dread...?

Computer **ICT** **Email** **Broadband**

Don't despair!

Come along to a 'taster' computer session.

Find out the difference between a floppy disc and a hard drive.

In the computer suite, St. John's Crossens school

9:00 - 10:00am Tuesday March 6th

For more information see Rachel Clarke