



St. John's C.E. Primary School

NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th February 2008.

Mrs. Smithson's absence

Some of you will be aware that Mrs. Smithson is currently not in school.

She will not be returning before we break for Easter.

Although we have excellent cover in the office, we do not have anyone with Mrs. Smithson's specialist skills so it is possible that some tasks will take longer to process than normal.

I know you will join me in wishing Mrs. Smithson a speedy recovery and I thank you for your understanding

Slapped Cheek Virus:

There are still several children with the Slapped Cheek virus and more have contracted it this week. The most obvious and common symptoms are a reddening to the cheeks and a rash which starts on the arms and can spread.

Slapped Cheek is infectious. Children catch it before these symptoms are evident and only about one in three are actually unwell.

G.P.s are correctly advising parents that children are not infectious when they have red cheeks and a rash. However, I have been contacted by a senior consultant who has explained that there is a danger to pregnant mums and their unborn babies if they come into contact with the virus. We have two members of staff who are currently expecting.

The advice that I have been asked to pass on is – Please do not send you child to school until the red cheeks and the rash have gone. In our experience the longest this has taken is a week and the quickest time is approximately 48 hours. Thank you for your understanding.

After School Clubs:

You are reminded that there will be no after school clubs in the last week of term. Clubs will run as normal next week.

Tesco vouchers:

Tesco stores will be issuing computers for school vouchers again soon We'll be collecting them – Thank you in anticipation of the customary brilliant response!

Heart Start Club:

Members are reminded that the session on Friday 7th March will be the last of the term and it will not finish until 5.00 p.m. as children will be taking their test.

Start Right and Eco Art:

Due to staff illness there will be no more Start Right or Eco Art club this term – apologies.

Birds of Prey presentation:

We are looking forward to welcoming staff and birds from the Welsh Birds of Prey Centre next Tuesday. Please send in your voluntary contribution of £1 Per child as soon as possible. Thank you.

Arty Fact Theatre Company:

On Thursday 6th March the Arty act Theatre Company will be performing "Eureka" to all children. There will be no charge for this performance.

PFA Easter Bingo Evening:

Monday 10th March
&.00 p.m. for eyes down at 7.30 p.m.
All over 16s welcome

Marie Curie Cancer Care:

We will continue to sell daffodils from the school office.

Breakfast Club and Zigzags:

We always have places in our pre-school breakfast club and our after school childcare provision – Zigzags. Details from the office or from Rachel Clarke at the school (breakfast club) or Kathy Hastings (Zigzags) on 07929628691

Parenting 2000:

Meetings every Wednesday morning in the Parents and Community Room from 9.00 a.m. Come and join Rachel for a coffee, a chat and advice on where a whole host of parenting support and advice can be found.

Dates for your diary:

March 10th – PFA Easter Bingo
March 12th – School Council meeting 3.15 p.m.
March 13th – Easter Service, Church 2.15 p.m.
March 13th – Easter Discos
March 14th – Term ends 1.45 p.m.

With best wishes,

Daniel Hains, Headteacher