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Newsletter Spring 2008 (01)

Dear Parents/Guardians

Happy New Year to you all and welcome back after what I hope was a very pleasant Christmas break.

A warm welcome to our new members of staff: Mr Wayne Higgins, Deputy Head and Mrs Bea May our Graduate Teacher. We are all very much looking forward to working with them and I know the children will benefit greatly from the new skills and talents that they will bring to our school.

As previously mentioned, Mr Ian Holmes, trainee teacher, is back with Emerald Class for a few weeks. It is lovely to have new ideas brought to the school. A special welcome to our parents and pupils who are new to the school this term.

“Wake and Shake” (Fit Kids)

As you know, other than at the end of term, the children have “fit kid” sessions just before the start of the afternoon classes. Mr Higgins would like to lead the sessions at 8.45am each day, starting on Monday 14th January. He is very happy for parents to join in with the children and shed those extra pounds you may have gained over the Christmas period!

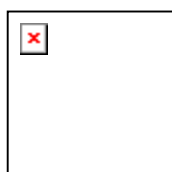
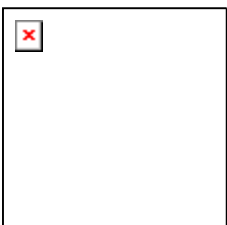
Swimming Sessions

Sapphire Class will have their last swimming session on **Wednesday 23rd January**. Ruby Class will begin their sessions on **Wednesday 30th January**. A letter will be sent to Rubies to remind them. If any parent is willing to support the sessions, please contact Mr Briggs.

Sickness Bugs

Obviously you have heard via the press that there are some very contagious sickness bugs around at the moment (Norovirus). Naturally we will be reminding children about the importance of regular, thorough hand washing routines which is vital in preventing the spread of germs. It would be helpful if this is reinforced at home.

In the event that your child contracts such a bug, it is recommended that you keep your child at home for 2 days following the last bout of sickness and/or diarrhoea, rather than the normal 1 day. This will hopefully prevent an outbreak. **Please remember** to telephone the school office before 10.00am to let us know if your child will be off sick. Thank you.



Breakfast Club ~ Every Day at 8.15am

There are spaces available at £1.50 per session. Please see Mrs Wendy Phillips or ask at the school office.

Music Tuition

There are still places available for a variety of musical lessons (fees apply) ~ violin, piano, recorder, drums, guitar.... Please ask at the school office for further information.

Hot School Meals

I have met with a possible provider of Hot School Meals this week, so we are hoping to begin this service from 4th February. More details to follow.

Severe Weather Information

So far the weather has been quite kind to us, but may I remind you of what will happen in the highly unlikely event that the school will have to be closed:

If the decision is made not to open school as a result of deteriorating conditions overnight, a notice will be put up outside school as early as possible to tell you school is closed. The school telephone will be staffed from 8.20 am -10.00 am so that enquiries can be made, and again from 3.00pm~4.30pm.

If worsening weather conditions indicate that by 3.30pm children and staff may have difficulty getting home, every attempt will be made to contact you to ask you to come and collect your children from school. If you anticipate difficulties collecting your children later in the day due to weather conditions, please come early and collect children from school or telephone us to let us know what arrangement to make.

The Head teacher, Deputy Head teacher or other authorised person will remain at school until all children have been safely collected.

Local radio will be notified and information will be broadcast on:

Orchard FM	102.6 (FM)
Gold Radio	97.4 (FM)

After School Clubs

After school activities will begin week commencing 21st January. Please see the programme attached for the term and send in your requests to the school office as soon as possible by completing the Activities Form, also attached. We will be as fair as we can about allocating places for clubs.

Football Club

Mr Ian Summers' football club will commence on Monday 14th January.

Dates for Spring Term 2008

Please see the list attached for diary dates for this term. **PLEASE NOTE** the different arrangements for the Easter period this year. Other events/dates will be provided nearer the time.

Yours sincerely

Bernie Green
Head teacher

Diary Dates for the Spring Term 2008

8 th January	Return to school
15 th February	School closes for Half Term Break
Half Term Break	18 th February ~ 22 nd February
25 th February	School re-opens
18 th March	Easter Egg Hunt (pm)
19 th March	Easter Bonnet Parade
	Easter Assembly 1.45pm at St Mary's Church
20 th March	Normal school day
21 st March	Good Friday ~ <u>School Closed</u>
24 th March	Easter Monday ~ <u>School Closed</u>
25 th March	School re-opens
26 th March	Ruby Class visit The Magdalen Project
26 th March	Parents' Evenings 4.00pm~6.00pm
27 th March	Parents' Evenings 6.00pm ~ 8.00pm
4 th April	School closes at 3.30pm for End of Term Break (2 weeks)
End of Term Break	7 th April ~ 18 th April
21 st April	Teacher Training Day

School Reopens for Summer Term on 22nd April 2008

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