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**Newsletter ~ Spring 2012 (2)**

Dear Parent/Carer,

I trust this newsletter won't be too long but there are some new dates and items of interest for all of you.

**NEW RECYCLING BANK**

Some of you may have noticed that we have a clothes recycling bank in the car park now. I was approached by the children's air ambulance charity who asked me if we would consider having a bin for regular collection. I thought it a good idea and now hope you will use it! You may put any clean clothing, shoes and handbags in there. I think it is positive that we support a charity like this one on a regular basis so start sorting out your unused clothing now!

**HEAD LICE**

Unfortunately there has been a substantial amount of head lice spotted in school this term which is distressing for everybody. If this is not put in check these insects do not care where they go and they reproduce at an alarming rate! Please check your child's head this weekend and remember that once is not enough. It has to be done every day for at least a fortnight. It

would really help if all the girls' hair was tied back then there is less risk of the lice travelling across from one to another. I'm sorry to be descriptive but if you all checked and combed your children's hair for a fortnight the problem would be over.

**KILVE COURT TALK**

For those parents of children in Years 3, 4 and 5 the staff from Kilve and Great Wood have kindly offered a date to come and talk about their respective centres and to answer any questions you may have. This will take place on **February 23<sup>rd</sup>**. **The times are divided into:**

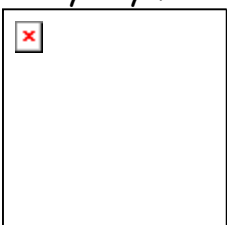
**Years 3 & 4 - Great Wood presentation @ 3.45pm**

**Year 5 - Kilve presentation @ 4.45pm**

If anyone has a problem with these times I'm sure we can save the literature for you or answer any queries.

**REPORTS**

As you are aware reports will be going out at the end of this term but I am sorry for any confusion as no **reception** child will have one as we have a statutory duty to have an end of year report in the summer term for the Foundation Stage. Also in the



summer we are going to have an Open Evening which will be a very informal way of you looking at all your child's work and what they do in the classroom. You will also be able to see the next class your child will be going into if that is appropriate. This will be on **July 5<sup>th</sup> between 5pm and 8pm.**

### **HOUSE NOTICE BOARD**

Please don't forget that the homework task this term is for everyone to send in any work to do with their own planet. This can be as little as cutting out a newspaper article or a picture to more detailed research on the planet's characteristics and statistics etc. There are many excellent websites for research and the recent "Stargazing" programme with Professor Cox has some lovely facts and resources under the "Schools" section on their website. I hope that the experience in the Space Dome next week will inspire them all to finding out more.

### **SICKNESS BUGS**

Please don't forget our 48 hour rule if your child has been sick. This means that

he/she must stay at home for 48 hours after the last bout of sickness. This reduces the chance of it spreading round the class. I think we have quite a virulent bug at the moment which we don't want spreading to the whole school.

Thank you for your understanding.

Finally, if your child is in either Diamonds or Emeralds, could he/she bring their cake raffle money in a clearly marked envelope please as it is easy to lose when it is loose in a book bag or in a hand! Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

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Head Teacher