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## NEWSLETTER SUMMER 07– 2007

Dear Parents

This will probably be the final newsletter for this school year, so forgive me if it is a little long.

### Shadow Puppets/Longleat Trip

The pupils thoroughly enjoyed the shadow puppet workshop and performance last Thursday and Friday and the Longleat trip on Wednesday. Let's hope the weather is fine for Ruby and Sapphire's visit on Friday.

### Reports

All reports were sent home on Friday therefore please return the slip to confirm receipt with any comments. I was very pleased to note the high levels of attainment and effort by the majority of the children throughout the school.

### National Tests

Pupils in Year 6 performed extremely well in the National Tests again this year;

Results were as follows:

Mathematics	100% - Level 4 +
English	100% - Level 4 +
Science	100% - Level 4 +

with excellent numbers of Level 5's in all three subjects. Well done to all of the children. This will set them off to a very good start at Secondary school.

### Sponsored Skip

The Sponsored Skip raised nearly £500 for the British Heart Foundation. Many thanks to all who supported this very good cause. Any monies still awaiting collection will be gratefully received.

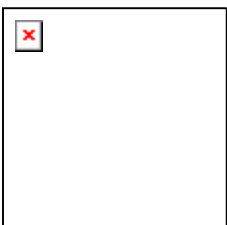
### Staffing

Jan Fellows will now be remaining with us until January, when Mr Wayne Higgins will take up his post as Deputy Headteacher and Year 5 teacher. Jan will teach Year 5 for the Autumn Term, following Mrs Geary's move to her new school in Gloucestershire (Gift contributions to the school office).

Ruth Joy will be leaving us this term as she is relocating to Berkshire. We thank Ruth for her hard work and wish her happiness in her new post at a Secondary school near Reading.

Jube Walker is also leaving us to take up a University Degree course at Bath Spa University. we are sure that Jube will still be 'around school' from time to time, but wish her luck and thank her for her hard work. Kim Stone left on Friday, therefore please remember that you must ensure your child's safe journey to and from school.

Is there anyone who would be interested in the Crossing Patrol position? Please phone the school office.



**Head Lice**

We have been continuously sending out 'head lice' letters this year due to the constant re-occurrence of lice. Please would all parents do their child's hair regularly (every few days) in order to control this problem. Unless everyone carries out checks and treatment, lice will continue to survive. There is nothing we can do at school and the school nurse service is also not allowed to check and treat hair. Please make a real effort to control this problem.

**Hot School Meals**

The provider of hot school meals is hoping to run a service for 2/3 days per week from September, so I will let you know as soon as this is arranged.

**New Calendars**

Please find attached a new school calendar from September 2007 – July 2008.

As you can see we return to school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September. September 3<sup>rd</sup> is a staff training day. Other staff training days are circled.

**Year 6 BBQ**

The Year 6 barbeque will be after school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. Children can be picked up at 5.30pm.

**End of Term Service**

The end of year service will be at St Mary's at 1.45pm on Tuesday. All are welcome: please remember that you can collect your child from school after the service.

**Sports Day**

The weather has been so awful that it is unlikely that we can reschedule sports day this year. The field has been so wet that it has been impossible to safely run the event and to avoid the other scheduled activities.

**Part-time School Clerical Assistant Post**

As Ruth is leaving us, we now have a vacancy for two days per week in the office. If anyone is interested in applying for this position would they please forward a letter of application and a C.V. by August 10<sup>th</sup>. Terms and Conditions can be obtained from the school office.

**School Development Plan**

As you know we are always striving to improve the provision we offer at the school and your views as parents are vital to this process.

The Governments Guidance under the "Every Child Matters" document forms the basis for our proposals and decisions, therefore would you please complete the comment sheet attached if you have any suggestions under the five outcomes mentioned.

Yours sincerely

Bernie Green  
Headteacher

## “Every Child Matters”

### Five desired outcomes for every child at Abbas & Templecombe

Please make suggestions for our new School Development Plan under the following outcomes and return to school.

Many thanks

1. We want our pupils to **be healthy**
2. We want our pupils to **be safe**
3. We want them to **enjoy school** and **achieve high standards**
4. We want them to become **positive, helpful, valued members** of the **community**
5. We want them to be prepared for future challenges, further education and life itself.