

Newsletter - February 2010

I hope that you all had an enjoyable and relaxing half term. We are all looking forward to a busy, hard working half term – hopefully without any interruptions from the weather or any other disasters! With luck by the time the Easter holidays arrive we will have seen the beginnings of spring with some pleasanter weather.

Staffing

Today we have said good bye (for the moment) and good luck to Mrs Cameron who is, as you know, leaving to start her maternity leave. I'm sure you will join me in hoping that all goes smoothly and that the new 'Baby Cameron' arrives safely. I've no doubt that she will keep in touch and let us know when the event has taken place!

Questionnaires

Many thanks to all of you who have returned the parent questionnaires, your opinions, thoughts and ideas are very important to us. The results will be collated and analysed and, I know, will be very useful to us in planning for the future. As soon as the analysis has been completed I will share the results with you. The children have also had an opportunity to share their views and our response to some of their concerns was shared with them this week. Zoning the playground to provide an area for those who wish to play quieter games separate from those who wish to run around and a rota for football are the two major changes that we are making.

Parents Evenings

We were pleased to see so many of you at this term's parents' evenings just before half term. The partnership between parents, children and teachers is one we regard as crucial in ensuring the best possible education for every child. If, for any reason, you were unable to attend these meetings please get in touch with your child's class teacher to make another appointment. **If, at any time, you have any questions or concerns about your child progress, attainment or wellbeing in school, please speak to their teacher in the first instance or to me so that we can work together to address any problems.**

Pancake Race

We were very pleased to see so many children taking part in our annual pancake races today, it was a lot of fun and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. £80 was raised for our Help Hoima appeal, thank you very much for your support.



PTA Book Fair

This will be held on Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th March from 3.15pm until 4.15pm in the school hall. There will be more details next week. Children look out for your book voucher!

Class Assembly



Our class assemblies are always well supported and enjoyed by everyone who comes to see them, I am always proud of the achievements of the children and it is amazing to see how their confidence develops throughout the year and as they move through the school. **If you are coming to a class assembly and can arrive half an hour before the assembly starts we would love to see you joining in with our Early bird reading session and reading with a child in class beforehand, we would welcome your help, especially you dads!!** The next class assembly is Saulgrove on Thursday 4th March.

School Gardens

Plans are underway for the class gardens this year! We were very pleased with the success of the gardens last year; the children were very pleased with the produce they grew. We are keen to continue to involve the children as much as possible but really need some willing volunteers to get involved too!! **If you are able to spare some time to help plant and tend the beds please speak to your child's teacher or to me as soon as possible. The more volunteers we get the better!** We really do want to use the beds properly every year..



Sport Relief

Sport Relief Day this year is the 19th March; we will be taking part in order to help raise money for this worthwhile cause. Further details of what we will be doing will follow soon!



School Disco

Our thanks to the PTA for organising this event! You should have received a letter with all the details on and I know that tickets are going fast, I'm sure it will be a great success! The disco is on the 12th March from 6pm until 8pm, tickets are £4 (£3 for any siblings) and can be bought at the school office. We are very lucky to have such a hard working and dedicated PTA team who do such a lot to help the school and provide extra facilities for our children. **If you would like to join this group of volunteers please contact Mrs Wythe in the school office for more details, you would be warmly welcomed.**



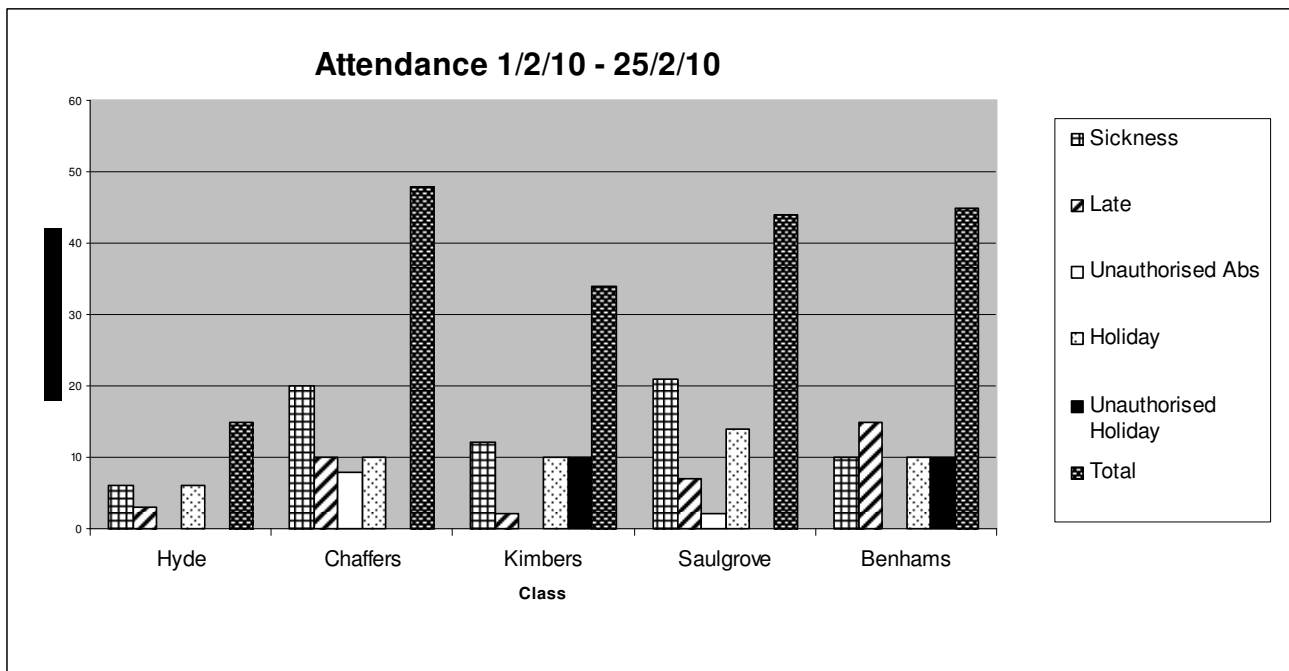
Reporters Club



This week the Reporters Club were invited to RAF Odiham where they interviewed the station commander, Group Captain Shell. The visit included meeting a reporter and photographer from the Basingstoke Gazette as well as other RAF personnel and, best of all, going inside a Chinook! Their report and photos will be on our website within the next couple of weeks. It is always good to develop our links with the RAF camp as we have a number of families of service personnel in school.

Attendance and Punctuality

Our first certificates for 100% attendance and punctuality were awarded in our celebration assembly this morning. Congratulations to all those children who had managed to achieve this over the last half term. We are soon introducing a weekly award for the class with the best attendance and punctuality. This month's data for each class is:



Active Kids Vouchers

We are collecting these vouchers again this year so if you shop at Sainsbury's and are given vouchers please remember to pass them on to us! We look forward to obtaining lots more equipment to help our children stay active at playtimes and during PE lessons.

Sainsbury's

News from Chaffers Class

On Monday 1st March the children will be making Welsh Cakes as part of their celebration of St David's Day. On Thursday 4th March they will be walking around Long Sutton to study the village. Parent helpers are required for the walk; please contact Mrs Leyshon if you can help.

Dates for your diary

- 2nd March** – Kimbers class visit to Odiham
- 4th March** – Saulgrove class assembly
- 5th March** – Year 3/4 tag rugby festival
- 9th and 10th March** – Book Fair 3.15pm-4.15pm
- 11th March** – Benhams class to Farnham museum – Victorian Day
- 12th March** – School Disco 6pm to 8pm
- 16th March** – PTA Meeting @ 7pm
- 17th March** – Year 5 science fair (Robert Mays School)
- 19th March** – Year 5/6 tag rugby festival
- 18th March** – Benhams class assembly
- 19th March** – Y5/6 Tag Rugby @ Hook
- 22nd March** – Chaffers class visit to Hook
- 25th March** – Hyde class assembly
- 25th March** – Choir to vocal festival
- 1st April** – Easter service in church pm
Term ends – 3.15pm
- 19th April** – Summer term starts