

Newsletter - June 2010

Welcome to the June newsletter! This last month seems to have whizzed by and each day has been action packed!! The end of term is in sight, the last few weeks are full of events, not least sports day, the Year 6 residential visit; the school music prom and day trips for all year groups from R to 5.

NEHAVs rounders tournament

This took place at Crondall this year and was a really enjoyable event helped by the fact that the rain which had been threatening didn't happen! The team played very well and represented the school very well too but unfortunately were just beaten into second place by Crondall – congratulations to the team and many thanks to the parents who helped with transport and cheered on the team! A full report written by Tye Rath is on our website.



Athletics



We are all eagerly looking forward to sports day on Monday (weather permitting!). The children have been practising and everyone will be taking part. Please ensure that your child has their PE kit with them on Monday, including trainers or plimsolls and if possible please provide them with a T-shirt in their house colour. Please consider the weather on the day and send a bottle of water, sun hat and sun cream as appropriate.

We are very grateful to the PTA for their support of this event. They are selling refreshments and have asked for donations of cakes and cookies for their stall. These should be brought in to school on Monday morning and left in the hall.

The lunch time athletic training sessions are being well supported in preparation for the NEHAVs competition in July – thanks to the PTA for organising these. The team will include children from all year groups and the tournament takes place on July 13th at Dogmersfield Primary School.

'Rockin' Robin'

Groups of children from years 4, 5 and 6 danced to the song 'Rockin' Robin' at Long Sutton's church fete and at South Warnborough's village fete. They performed brilliantly and their efforts were much appreciated by all who saw them. My thanks to Mrs Florides for organising the dance and to all the children involved for putting on such a marvellous show! A report and photos are available on our website.



Year 6 to Devon



On the 5th July Year 6 are off to Devon for their residential trip. The week is full of lots of activities that will keep them very busy! I am very grateful to Mrs Florides for organising this and for accompanying the children. These trips are great fun but very tiring for adults and children alike!

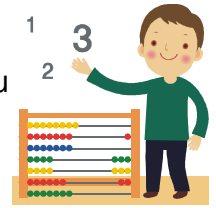
I will be accompanying the year 6 too which I am really looking forward to! In my absence please speak to Mrs Newcombe if you have any questions or concerns.

Second-hand Uniform

The PTA is holding a second-hand uniform stall at sports day on Monday. If you have any items that you could donate for this please send them in to the school office on Monday morning. Any items of clean, good quality uniform will be gratefully received; it would help if your child's name was removed.

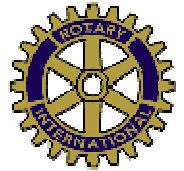
Maths Week

As you know the focus for this week has been 'Maths Around Us'. We were very pleased to see so many parents visit on Monday afternoon, hopefully it enabled you to get a taste of some of the maths activities that your children take part in, thank you for supporting this event. As always please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher if you have any questions about what your child is doing.

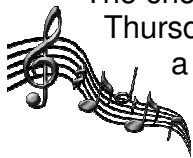


Dictionaries from the Rotary Club

I am very grateful to The Rotary Club of Odiham and Hook for their very generous donation of an Usborne Illustrated Dictionary for each of our current year 5 children. Within our local community The Rotary Club raise lots of money each year and they are keen for you to know one use to which some of this money is put. The children were given their dictionary in assembly this morning, I am sure that they will be very useful for the children next year and in the future.



Musical Soiree



The choir were invited to take part in a musical soiree at Lord Wandsworth College last Thursday. It was held in the courtyard of Junior House and the perfect weather helped make it a really enjoyable evening. The choir sang three songs; Beth McKinnon sang a solo and Emily Noithip played a cello solo. All the children performed very well, the audience were very appreciative and I was very proud of them. My thanks to Mrs Leyshon for all her hard work with the choir, it is a delight to hear them enjoying singing and doing it so well.

Art Exhibition

Many thanks to all of you who supported our art exhibition on Wednesday, it was a huge success. The children had all produced some fantastic work of a really high quality and loved seeing it displayed in that way. If you didn't manage to get to the exhibition but would like to buy your child's work the unsold pictures are in the school office, please ask Mrs Wythe. My thanks to the PTA for organising the exhibition and to the staff and children for the tremendous amount of hard work that went in to producing the work.



If you attended the exhibition after school you may have also visited 'Slurp and Crunch', Benhams café. The children with Mrs Florides and Mrs McAlpine worked very hard during the week planning and organising the café to raise money for our Great Ormond Street appeal. They completely sold out and the customers were all very satisfied! Well done Benhams!

Induction Days

'Moving Up Day' went very smoothly with all the children dealing very calmly with any changes. The children now all know which class they will be in September and who their teacher/s will be. They all spent a short time in their new year group just to get a taster of what next year will be like. Whichever class they are in the teachers will be identifying where they are in their learning and what they need next in order to move on, we look forward to seeing them all working hard and making progress.

Our new year R children spent the morning with us, all of them settled quickly in to the routine of the class and I am sure that they will quickly be a part of the school community.

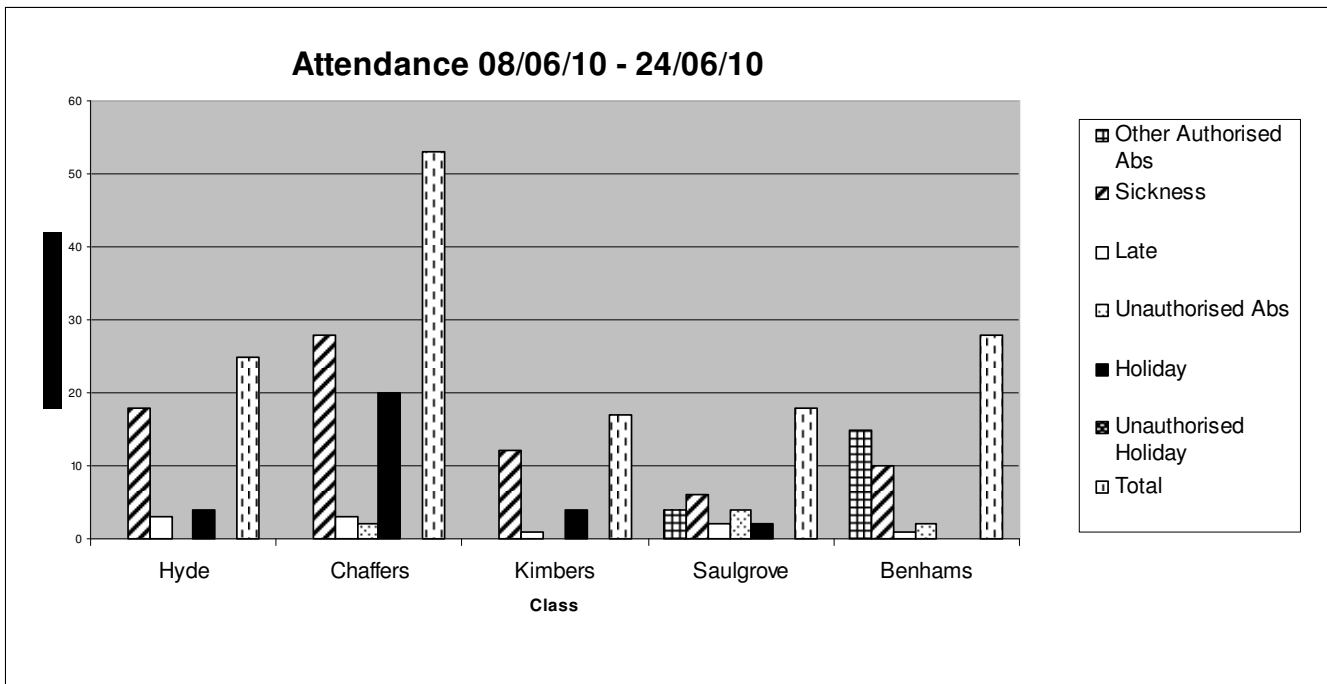
Most of our year 6 children have now completed their induction day at their new secondary school and these too seem to have gone very smoothly, we wish them the best of luck for the future.

Spelling Groups

Due to the year 6 residential trip and other end of year activities next week, 30th June, will be the final spelling group lesson this year. Vocabulary work including spelling will continue to be a part of literacy lessons until the end of term.

Attendance and Punctuality

Winning 'Mr Brown' our attendance and punctuality class prize is eagerly anticipated by all the children. As you can see from the graph below the older children have been very successful this month – come on Chaffers and Hyde!! It was really pleasing to award 68 children 100% attendance and punctuality certificates for last half term – congratulations to them all.



Long Sutton Chicks

There is great excitement amongst many of the children because we now have in school an incubator with 16, hopefully fertile, eggs which we will be watching until they hatch in about three weeks. The hire of this has been funded by the PTA and, I'm sure, will provide another different experience for the children. The incubator is in the front entrance hall if you would like to take a look!



School Website

Please remember to keep an eye on our school website, www.longsuttonschool.co.uk. Not only are all newsletters put on there but there are other important letters; reports on a number of recent events, largely written by the school's reporters club; upcoming events; reports on each class; important dates and the opportunity to pay for trips and dinners and, from September, order uniform. We aim to keep the website as up to date as possible and hope that it is informative and enjoyable to read.



INSET days 2010/2011

Monday 6th September
Monday 1st November
Tuesday 2nd November
Tuesday 4th January
Monday 28th February
Monday 6th June

Dates for your Diary

28th June – Sports' day

NB date change – Friday 2nd July – Benhams class assembly

1st and 5th July – Year R Parents' evenings

- 5th – 9th July** – Year 6 residential trip
5th July – Years 4 and 5 trip to the Gordon Brown centre
6th July – Saulgrove class brass concert
6th July – Pre-school Sports Day
8th July – Chaffers and Kimbers classes to Wisley (details to follow)
12th July – Benhams class drumming concert
12th July – Reports out to parents (or 13th if this is Sports' Day)
12th July – Sports' Day (reserve date)
13th July – NEHAVS athletics
13th July – Pre-school Teddy Bear's picnic
14th July – School Travel Plan coffee morning at 9.30am at Anneke Hall's house
14th July – Year 6 Leaver's party (details to follow)
15th July – Kimbers class assembly
16th July – Normans 'mufti day'
19th July – Hyde Class to Legoland
19th July – Inter-house rounders tournament Years 4, 5 and 6
20th July – Music Prom 6.00pm
23rd July – Leavers Assembly
End of Term (12.00pm)
6th September – INSET day
7th September – Autumn term starts