

BUTTERCUP NEWS

14th May 2010



Please could I appeal to parents once again to be more considerate when driving and parking around the school and especially when approaching the zebra crossings.

We have experienced a number of incidents recently and I am appealing to parents to stop parking their cars past the speed ramp at the side of Mrs Campbell's classroom. This is to ensure that in the event of an emergency access is not obstructed into the Junior School and also for safety reasons as our girls do use this area as a thoroughfare.

Places are filling up very quickly for both weeks of Mrs Mawson's Summer School. The cost is £100 per week per child and each day will commence at 9.00am and finish at 4.00pm prompt. A packed lunch will be required each day and casual clothing should be worn. If you would like your child to enjoy the fun and frolics of this facility over the weeks commencing Monday 12th July and Monday 19th July then please ask Mrs Erskine for a booking form. Stop Press – a 10% discount will be given to sibling applications.

Weekly Update.....

We are in the process of looking at the introduction of a new uniform for both girls and boys in the Junior School. The idea would be to phase in the changes to the uniform from the start of the Autumn Term in September 2011. It might be that you would rather make your child's current uniform do for another year rather than buying new this September! Once we have some ideas in place we will invite parents to be involved in the final decision making.

Taster Days. A further Taster Day is planned for Tuesday 15th June - please *keep the evening free as further details will follow!* Our 'moving up' day will take place on Monday 28th June.

Calling all Chess players. If there is a parent or grandparent who would like to start a lunch time or after school chess club for the children in Years 3 to Year 6 from September onwards please could you contact Mrs Erskine for more information.

Focus Group. Our Focus Group meets frequently to discuss arrangements for the next academic year. This is made up of parents from both Hurworth House School and Polam Hall Junior School. If you have any queries or concerns then please feel free to speak to myself or any of the following parents.

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| Polam Hall School | Trevor Edwards (father of Lily in Year 1) Heidi Weir (mother of Matilda in Year 3) Huw Roberts (father of Bethany in Year 5) |
| Hurworth House | Melanie Pears (mother of Jonathan in Year 4) Andrew Mcnaughton Jones (father of James in Year 4) |

If you would like to be part of the above group then please let me know.

Angela P J Foster

**Our next craze will be:
Diddle & Ankle Skips**

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Special Awards

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| KENT | 9 HPs | Kate Metcalfe |
| SKERNE | 8 HPs | Georgina Sutton-Walker |
| SWALE | 7 HPs | Harry Warren |
| TEES | 9 HPs | Katie Robertson |

Buttercup Awards

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| Infants | Sophia hall |
| Juniors | Lipi Chakraborty, Imogen Dundas & Laura Maxey |

The following children were congratulated this week for their hard work and awarded

Head Teacher's Awards

Janey Hindmarch – Nursery
for her colourful art work.

Rachel Whitfield – Lower Foundation
for recognising all the initial sounds.

**Emily Bowman, Amelia Martin
& Amelia Sawyer**
Upper Foundation
for getting their spellings correct for
3 weeks in a row.

Sophia Hall – Year 2
for completing her achievement chart.

CONGRATULATIONS

The following awards have been received:-

Anya Barras

Kellogg's Rainbow Swimming Award
Scheme 50m certificate.

Vienna Barras

Kellogg's Rainbow Swimming Award
scheme 50m certificate

Millie Peacock

received the Female Player of the Year Shield
from Richmondshire Women's Rugby F.C.
for the skill and dedication she has
shown over the past year.

Lydia Turnbull

rosettes awarded for a Clear Round and a Special
Award for her excellent riding at
Miniature World Riding Academy

Rosie Worthing

Duckling Award Grade 4 and Kellogg's Rainbow
10m Swimming certificates.

**The Tesco Vouchers Scheme is now
closed but please check your
pockets, purses and cars for any
stray ones and bring them to school**

JUNIOR SCHOOL CALENDAR

(Items in bold have been added/amended this week)

May

- 17th Tap & Modern Dance Examinations
- 19th PE Cluster Athletics at Sunderland 1.30pm
- 24th Fire Engine visit from 1.45pm
- 28th Half Term starts

June

- 7th Whole school return
- 14th & 15th 7+ Examinations
Year 4 visit to Richmond & Aske Hall
U11 Rounders v B'd Castle & T'side High 3.45pm (H)
- 16th Year 5 visit to Durham City
PHPA Food Festival - CANCELLED
- 18th Year 5 Growing Up Talk by School Matron
Year 3 visit to The World of Beatrix Potter
- 22nd Dance Concert – Liddiard Theatre 2pm
- 25th Sports Day – to be confirmed
Patterdale Hall visit for Year 5 and Year 6 girls
- 29th ESB examinations to take place for Year 5
Year 1 and Year 2 visit – venue to be confirmed
Barnardo's Boxes to be returned to school

July

- 2nd ESB examinations to take place for Year 6
- 5th All Dance classes will end
- 6th Prizegiving
- 7th Term ends for juniors at 12noon
- 12th Mrs Mawson's Summer School week 1
- 19th Mrs Mawson's Summer School week 2
- 26th Summer Fun Camp 1st week

August

- 2nd, 9th, & 16th Summer Fun Camp

September

- 2nd Whole school returns

October

- 21st (Thursday) Half Term starts at 3.45pm

November

- 1st School resumes at 8.50am



Member of the PHPA would like to thank you for your kind donations to the Fire Fighters Charity. With your help we raised £160.80p and arrangements will be made to do this again at some time during the Autumn Term.

**Strong healthy tomato plants
are for sale at 75p each from
Mrs Erskine or Mrs Campbell.
All funds raised will be used to
finance our school garden
project.**



Lost & Found

Emma Matthews has lost her named mac in a sac.
Sophia Hall has lost her black outdoor shoes.
Would parents kindly take time to look in the Lost
Property Box in both the Glass Corridor and Infant
Cloakroom to reclaim any unnamed items.