

# WINCHELSEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Spring Term 2009



Welcome to our Spring Term newsletter. Please take the time to read it because it has lots of important information about the life of the school. A copy can also be found on our website <http://winchelsea.school-online.co.uk>

### **Summer Fayre**

Early notice of this! It's Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June from 6.00 - 8.00 pm. It was really good last year, and this one will be bigger and better, so we hope to see all of you here.

### **Parents' Evening**

This is on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March from 5.00 - 7.00 pm. It's important that you come so we hope to see all of you. Please return the form at the back of this newsletter by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March. We will then advise you of individual times for your interviews.

### **Individual Education Plans (IEPs)**

We will send these out before the Parents Evening. Please bring them along to your appointments.

### **Shade**

We are creating shaded areas around the school. This has been an issue here for many years and we have decided it's time to do something about it. The photo is of the Brownsea shaded area we have already built. Next will be a gazebo in Brownsea playground, and then shade in the senior section of the playground.

### **Calendar 2009/2010**

I appreciate that parents need early notification of term dates so I have attached these. They are also available on our website.

### **Let's Get Cooking Club**

This is a new club we are starting next year. We will run 12 sessions during the year - 6 of these in school time, and 6 after school. We will also run 3 community events - these will be Christmas Fayre, Summer Fayre and Harvest Festival - where the children will bring food they have prepared.

Our Food Technology teacher is overseeing the project and one of our teaching assistants will work with the children, but we are also looking for a parent volunteer to be part of the club.

Part of the role of parent volunteer will be to attend training sessions.

So - please let us know if you are interested! Just phone the school and either speak to Mrs. Tombs or leave a message for her.

### **School Closures**



As you all know I had to close the school 3 times last week. I want to assure everyone that this is not a decision that the governors and I take lightly. However, the safety of the children is our first priority. Our main concern is always around transport, as nearly all of our pupils come in by bus or taxi (often from considerable distance), and we have to be sure that they can get home at the end of the school day.

From conversations I have had with parents I am convinced that this is understood and I want to thank you for your understanding.

### **Headteacher's Coffee Morning**

This is at 11.00 a.m. on the 19<sup>th</sup> March at the school. A guest speaker, Marilyn Hoskins, from POPPS, will attend. Many of you will know Marilyn; she has a long history of successfully supporting parents of children with SEN

Please fill in the form at the end to say you are attending.

### **Headteacher's Breakfast**

This will be at 9.00am on the 26<sup>th</sup> March and is for children who have contributed to the school community.

We will contact you if your child is selected and ask you to fill out a form to confirm your child will attend and to inform us of any food allergies.

### **Mums' Pamper Evening**

This is on the 12<sup>th</sup> March 6.30-8.30 at the school. A completely free evening to come and enjoy yourself because "you're worth it"! Any queries - see Pauline.

### **February half term Activities**

There's lots on offer - the Winchelsea Holiday club on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> (for over 9's). ASUR club Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> 10.00 - 12.30 at the school (no booking required - just turn up and stay).

**Enterprise Coffee Morning**

This is 1<sup>st</sup> April 10.00 - 12.00. It will be run jointly by pupils from Winchelsea . We will invite other local special schools. We cordially invite parents of all primary aged pupils to attend.

**Year 11 College Links Course**

This is a regular event in our school calendar and is running successfully this term.

**Valentines Disco**

This is on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February from 6.00 - 8.00 and is for all pupils from Rockley, 3JW, 3SC, 4DR and 4GS.

**Red Nose Day**

This is on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February (first day back after half-term). Children can come in costumes of their own choice (50p please - for charity).

**Road Safety Education**

We continue to focus on this with our senior pupils. We are very pleased (and grateful) that the local police are offering us lots of support with this.

**Winchelsea Informing and Supporting Parents (WISP)**

Their next meeting is the Evening Social on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 7.00 - 9.00pm in the School Social Area. There is also a coffee morning on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 10.00 - 12.00. Please attend (even if it is the first time) - it will be great to see as many of you as possible.

**Parents and Children's Football Club**

This has restarted and runs on Tuesdays for Key Stage 1&2 pupils (and their parents). Please see Pauline if you wish your child to attend.

**Parenting Course**

We are working with PACT (Parents and Children Together) to deliver this 7 week course on Monday evenings in the summer term. This is for Winchelsea School parents and parents from other East Poole schools. Further information is coming on this.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Red Nose Day Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Valentines Disco Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 6.00 - 8.00 pm

WISP meeting Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 7.00 - 9.00 pm

Mums' Pamper Evening Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 6.30-8.30pm

Parents Evening Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 5.00-7.00pm

Headteacher's Coffee Morning Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
11.00am

Head Teacher's Breakfast Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 9.00am

WISP Coffee Morning Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 10.00-12.00am

Enterprise Coffee Morning Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 10.00-  
12.00am

## Term Dates 2009/2010

	Thursday 03 September	Staff Training Day
	Friday 04 September	Staff Training Day
	Monday 07 September	Children Return to School
Autumn Term	Autumn Half-term Holiday Monday 26 October - Friday 30 October	
	Monday 02 November	Staff Training Day
	Tuesday 03 November	Children Return to School
	Friday 18 December	Last Day of Autumn Term

Christmas Holiday  
Monday 21 December 2009 - Friday 01 January 2010

	Monday 04 January	Staff Training Day
	Tuesday 05 January	Children Return to School
Spring Term	Spring Half-term Holiday Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February	
	Monday 22 February	Children Return to School
	Thursday 01 April	Last Day of Spring Term

Easter Holidays  
Friday 02 April 2010 to Friday 16 April 2010

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Monday 19 April	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 20 April	Children Return to School
Monday 03 May	May Bank Holiday
Summer Term	Summer Half-term Holiday Monday 31 May to Friday 04 June
Monday 07 June	Children Return to School
Friday 23 July	Last Day of Summer Term

### **Headteacher's Coffee Morning**

**I/we are able to attend the Headteacher's Coffee Morning**

**1<sup>st</sup> April 11.00 - 12.00**

**Pupil's name** \_\_\_\_\_

**(Please print)**

**Class** \_\_\_\_\_

## Headteacher's Breakfast - 9.00am 26<sup>th</sup> March

My child will attend the Headteacher's Breakfast

Please be aware they have the following food allergies:

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Pupil's name \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print)

Class \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents' Evening Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March from 5.00 - 7.00 pm.**

Class teacher ..... Name of pupil .....

Mr Cook	Headteacher	
Ms Burgess	Deputy Headteacher, Science	
Mrs Seymour	Key Stage 3 & 4 Manager, 4GS and Careers	
Mr Russell	4DR, ICT, Maths	
Mrs Courtney	3SC, Art, French, Expressive Arts (Classes 4DR & 4GS)	
Mrs Wilkins	3JW and Design and Technology	
Mrs Muir	Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 & 2 Manager, Lilliput	
Mr. Parker	Sandbanks	
Ms. B. Taylor	Brownsea	
Ms. Everson	Furzey and Autism Coordinator	
Mrs E. Taylor	Rockley	
Mrs Courtney	Art	
Ms. E. Vockins	PE	
Mr. Cooper	Music and Expressive Arts (Classes 4DR & 4GS)	
Mrs. Tombs	Food Technology	
Mrs Wheeler	Pastoral Care Worker	

Please advise us of the best time for you to attend (first and second choice, numbered 1 & 2, please) below. We anticipate appointments will be up to 10 minutes each.

5:00	-	5:30	
5:30	-	6:00	
6:00	-	6:30	
6:30	-	7:00	
Anytime			

Please return this form to the school by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

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