

# WINCHELSEA SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## Summer Term 2009

Welcome to our Summer 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**

It's Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June from 6.00 - 8.00 pm. It will be opened by Chris Jarvis. We will be selling raffle tickets in advance. 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 24<sup>th</sup> June from 5.00 - 7.00 pm. It's important that you come so we hope to see all of you. We will send you your child's reports before the Parents Evening. Please bring them along to your appointments.

### **Speech and Language Therapy**

This is a vital part of the education of many children here and we are looking for ways to maximise the impact of this valuable (and, unfortunately, scarce) provision. To achieve better home-school communication, Ms. Amanda Press will be attending Parents Evening on the 24<sup>th</sup>. You will be able to make bookings using the usual form.

### **Sensory Garden**

Following Sensory Garden Week we have really started to make progress on this and it's starting to look great! We have used the large wooden tubs and painted tyres made our Year 10 pupils in Enterprise week as colourful planters. Each class "owns" one of these and have planted them up.

Rockley Class and 3SC went to garden centres and bought plants for the garden and for the hanging baskets at the entrance to the school.

The Lodge of Hospitality and Concord Poole have generously supported us, and we are very thankful to them. We will use their donation to buy a large bench.

Thank you to everyone for donating tyres and plants.

### **3SC - Terrific trips!**

3SC have enjoyed several trips out this year as part of the overall curriculum and are really beginning to appreciate what a special and interesting area we live in.

Hengistbury Head was exhilarating and beautiful and our visit to Corfe Castle filled us with images of the Civil War.



Salisbury Cathedral was a wonderful walk into a religious past and experiencing everyday life at Kingston Lacy House was an eye-opener into how the Victorians lived.

We also took the class to Pizza Express in Poole, where the manager showed us how the restaurant is managed and how to make pizzas - very tasty!

Some of us spent a happy adventurous week at Brenscombe Activity Centre in March. This was a very worthwhile and successful adventure.

### **Jersey**

This trip went very well and we hope it will become a regular event and we will be able to further develop the links between Ms Moseley's school and Winchelsea.

### **Shade**

We have created several shaded areas around the school. This has been an issue here for many years and we decided it was time to do something about it.

### **Community Links**

Some of our Year 11 students have been going to Sandbourne House, a residential home for adults with learning difficulties, to gain accreditation for their Youth Award Scheme. Chris, James and Tom R helped David to go shopping and visit a café, while Emma, Louis and Tom G planted hanging baskets and different seeds for the residents to enjoy.



### **Sun Protection**

As we all know, lovely though sunny weather is, it has serious health implications. Please make sure that your child has sun protection on hot sunny days.

### **Calendar 2009/2010**

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

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

This is at 11.00 a.m. on 2<sup>nd</sup> July at the school. A booking form will be sent out nearer the event.

### **Headteacher's Breakfast**

This will be at 9.00am on 9<sup>th</sup> July and will be for Best Citizen and Most Improved pupil from each class. We will contact you if your child has the honour of being selected and ask you to fill out a form to confirm your child will attend and to inform us of any food allergies.

### **Enterprise Coffee Morning**

This was on 1<sup>st</sup> April and was very successful. Over £200.00 was raised.

### **Sponsored Walk**

This was really successful and the money raised will go towards our new minibus. Once we have worked out the Barclays Bank contribution we will let you know how much we raised.

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

This group continues to meet regularly and provides great support to the school. Please contact the school for the next date.

### **Parenting Course**

This is proving very successful. Many thanks to Pauline Wheeler for organising it.

### **New Appointments**

The following staff are joining us in September 2009

Mr. Steve Cottee - as Deputy Headteacher

Mr. Tim Parker-Smith - as Assistant Headteacher and teacher responsible for ICT

Mr. Chis Robinson - as classteacher and teacher responsible for numeracy and PE

They are all highly experienced teachers and we look forward to them becoming part of our team.

### **Building Schools for the Future**

We are currently working very hard to come up with specifications for the new build. It's exciting work, but exhausting. However, the clearer we can be about what we want in the new school and the more direction we are able to give the architects, the more likely it will be that we will get the school we want (and our community deserves).

Finally - many thanks to all the staff who have worked so hard to make this a successful year. And - of course - many thanks to all of you for your continued support.

## Term Dates 2009/2010

Autumn Term	Thursday 03 September	Staff Training Day
	Friday 04 September	Staff Training Day
	Monday 07 September	Children Return to School
	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 for Children	

Christmas Holiday  
Monday 21 December 2009 - Friday 01 January 2010

Spring Term	Monday 04 January	Staff Training Day
	Tuesday 05 January	Children Return to School
	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 to Friday 16 April 2010

Summer Term	Monday 19 April	Staff Training Day
	Tuesday 20 April	Children Return to School
	Monday 03 May	May Bank Holiday
	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	