

Hanslope School

Newsletter

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The end of the school year is always a busy time and the school diary demonstrates this very clearly.....school plays, sports competitions, music concerts, more shared learning opportunities, hot dog fund-raising lunch, disco, Sports Day, whole school lunch and play at the recreation ground are just some of the events ahead of us. Find below a summary of the latest news and the all important key dates for the rest of the term.

FAMILY LEARNING

Many thanks to all parents/carers who attended the Open Afternoon last Wednesday. It was very successful and the feedback comments were very positive. It is extremely evident how much the children, parents (and our own staff) gain from these shared learning opportunities We will continue to hold Open sessions at least termly in the new academic year; we will take into account the suggestions that were made on the feedback forms.

The first session of our newly established Family ICT Club took place on Friday 18th June. Attendance was not a great as we'd hoped but we hope it will pick up in the forthcoming weeks. Please let us know if you would benefit from the school increasing the frequency of sessions each week.

COMMUNITY FUN

The school's third consecutive annual Barn Dance took place on Saturday. Lots of tickets were sold in advance and even more were sold on the 'door'. Every single raffle ticket was sold and the 1st Prize of £100 cash went to a very worthy winner. Spirits were not at all dampened by the chilly weather and it was lovely to see the school community (and others from the local community) engaging in what I consider to be a great family evening out. There was a huge amount of preparation leading up to this event and I would like to thank the Fund-raising committee for their efforts which made it all a great success.

ATHLETICS NEWS

The Athletics Team participated in the second of the three citywide heats at the Stantonbury track on Monday 14th June.

What was great about the event?

- the atmosphere
- the support from families
- the children's mutual support
- the efforts and skill displayed by the children

We will know very soon which pupils/teams have qualified for the finals and you will be informed in due course. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Britnell and Mrs Cowper for training the children over the course of the last few months and for preparing them for the heat. Fingers crossed for the final!

SCHOOL'S COUNCIL

Members of the School's Council met with Fiona Westwood from the NSPCC. She discussed the Charity's work. The Council members will be planning some sponsored activities to run in the Autumn Term.

LOST PROPERTY

Believe it or not, only 2 weeks into this term and the lost property box is full again. If you have noticed that your child has any missing items, please ask him/her to check the box. During the remaining weeks of this half term, lost property will be displayed in the large playground and will be disposed of at the end of the year. This is an ideal opportunity to remind parents that all school items should be named.

TRANSITION DAYS

In order to sustain the pace of learning into the new academic year, we have organised 3 transition sessions when your child will have the opportunity to meet and work with his/her new teacher. Time will be spent getting to know the class, joint teacher/pupil planning for the new topics in the Autumn Term as well as focussed Literacy and Maths tasks. In so doing, we believe the children will be better equipped to begin the year in September. The transition sessions are as follows:

Monday 5th July: morning session only

Monday 12th July: all day

Monday 19th July: all day

There will, of course, be an opportunity for parents to meet the new teacher during the course of the Consultation Evening on 13th July.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thurs 24th June: Bromham Activity Camp meeting for parents at 4.00pm

Fri 25th June: Road Safety Team visits Year 2

Mon 28th June: 'Alice' Performance at 7.00pm. Tickets available from Mrs Howells

Tues 29th June: Maple Class visit Woburn Safari Park

Weds 30th June: 'Alice' Performance at 7.00pm

Fri 2nd July: Hot Dog Day

Sat 3rd July: Athletics Finals at Stantonbury Athletics track

Tues 6th July: Prospective Year 3 Parents (including Castlethorpe) Maths workshop

Weds 7th July: KS1 Sports Day starting at **9.30am**

Thurs 8th July: KS2 Sports Day starting at **9.30am**

n.b. in the event of inclement weather, you will be contacted by text if we need to cancel

Thurs 8th July: Disco KS1 4.30-6.00pm and KS2 6.30-.8.00pm

Fri 9th July: Annual Reports out

Tues 13th July: Consultation Evening 4.00-7.00pm

Weds 14th – Fri 16th: Year 3 and 4 residential

Sat 17th July: Summer Music concert starting at 3.00pm (practice sessions throughout the day)

w/c 19th July: Well-Being Week

Weds 21st July: Whole School Lunch and Play at the Recreation ground

Thur 22nd July: School closes for the Summer. Leavers assembly at 1.30pm to which Year 6 parents are invited.

Friday 23rd July: INSET Day

Please note the dates for returning to school in September:

Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September: INSET Days

Monday 6th September: Children return for the new academic year

Debbie Doherty