

12th January, 2010

Dear Parents,

January 2010 NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year

Welcome back to school after the extended holiday. I trust you all had a great time even if it was rather hectic.

We have had a number of new children join us already this year in Mr Osman's, Mrs Clarkson's and Mrs Mills' classes and we are keeping an extra eye on them while they settle in.

Mrs McCombie Leaving us

Mrs McCombie will be leaving the school at Easter due to family reasons. She has been an excellent teacher and contributed fully to the life of the school and we wish her well for the future. The advert for her replacement will be posted this week and interviews will take place before the half-term holiday.

Interviews

We are appointing a new full time teaching assistant in Mrs Keen's/Mrs McCombie's class this week with interviews on Wednesday. We will let you know who has been appointed in the next newsletter.

Snow News

We survived the weather and are back to something approaching normal! Unfortunately the playground conditions are such that we are not going out to play very often at present. This will continue until the snow and ice has disappeared which looks like being from Friday onwards. The teachers will ensure the hall is used for PE to give the children plenty of exercise.

Information about closure

The school website seemed to be the best way to find out about the closure situation so please tell everyone you know how to find the site. I am able to update it from home at any time which means it is the most up to date information. We can also put reminders on about things like what to bring in to school. Website address: www.british-school.co.uk.

Parents' Evenings

These will take place next Tuesday and Wednesday and there has been a number of letters about it. If you have missed them please call in to the office.

Parking

With the difficult conditions it is especially important to keep the entrances to the school clear. This means that the school car park, as normal, should only be used by staff. Parents turning into the school gates are a serious risk to children's safety.

Thank you PTA

I would like to thank the PTA on behalf of the children for all the events they organised in the run up to Christmas. The tombola at the Under the Edge evening, disco, trip to the cinema, pantomime and refreshments at the school production were all very successful and would not have happened without their help. If you are ever able to lend a hand, even for just an hour now and again, please let one of the PTA members know.

The next event is the sponsored bounce in February.

Project Fortnight

Watch out for information about the project the children will be doing about their world and how to look after it. It will involve lots of environmental work and there will be plenty of art and drama as well as Maths, English, Geography and Science. It will be starting on Monday 1st February.

Comment box

If you ever want to make a comment about the issues raised in the newsletter please use the box at the bottom of the newsletter, write on a separate piece of paper, drop us an e-mail (admin@british.gloucs.sch.uk) or just pop in and say. I am always very keen to know what you think about the things we do. The information can then be shared with the school governors.

School Production CD's

We have received our first batch of CDs from the PTA editing team of the school production and they are available from the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Mr T P Hiatt
Headteacher

The British School Dates for your diary	
Wednesday 13 th January	5pm Site Matters Meeting 6.30pm Pupil Matters Meeting
Tuesday 19 th January	3.30pm Parents' Evening
Wednesday 20 th January	6pm Parents' Evening
Thursday 21 st January	1.15pm - 3pm Family Learning sessions (6 weeks)
Monday 25 th January	7pm Governors' Meeting
Friday 5 th February	Mrs Clarkson's class cake sale
Tuesday 9 th February	3.15pm School shop open
Friday 12 th February	PTA Sponsored Event - School closes at 3.15pm
Monday 22 nd February	School returns 5pm Finance/Staffing Meeting
Tuesday 23 rd February	7.30pm Kindergarten Meeting
Wednesday 24 th February	5pm Pupil Matters Meeting 6.30pm Site Matters Meeting
Wednesday 3 rd March	3.15pm School shop open
Wednesday 10 th March	7pm Governors' Meeting
Friday 26 th March	Mrs Swain's class cake sale
Saturday 27 th March	PTA Quiz Night
Monday 29 th March	3.15pm School shop open
Wednesday 31 st March	Easter Assembly am - School closes 2.30pm
Monday 19 th April	School returns
Monday 4 th January - Friday 12 th February 2010	Term 3
Monday 22 nd February - Wednesday 31 st March 2010	Term 4
Monday 19 th April - Wednesday 26 th May	Term 5 (3rd May Bank Holiday)
Monday 7 th June - Friday 23 rd July 2010	Term 6
Monday 6 th September - Friday 22 nd October 2010	Term 1 (2010/2011)
Monday 1 st November - Friday 17 th December 2010	Term 2 (2010/2011)

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