

13th March, 2008

Dear Parents,

March 2008 NEWSLETTER

Assembly themes for week beginning:-

17th March - Easter (Easter Assembly on Thursday at 2.30pm, everyone welcome).

24th March - Life Cycles (Mrs Keen's class assembly on Thursday)

31st March - Spring



The Activemark Award for The British School.

The British School has received an award for the work that goes on in the school. This time it is the Activemark which recognises the PE and other activities that the school provides to enrich the children's lives. We knew we were very good at this but it is nice when someone else tells you. Well done to all of you for making the school such a busy and happy place.

Staff Changes for September 2008

As you will have seen from previous newsletters there are some changes of staff this September. Added to these is the recent news that Mrs Fuller will also be leaving us in August. Her husband has been promoted and his new job is in Newcastle so they are moving. We wish her and her family all the best for the future.

How will things look for classes in September?

With the changes in staff we will rearrange things slightly so that our more experienced teachers are spread through the school. The new appointments are being advertised now and we have already received some very high quality applications. We will let you know who is appointed as soon as possible.

Here are the class groups and their teachers:

Y 6	Mrs Tonks
Y 4/5	A new teacher
Y 3/4	Mrs Clarkson
Y 2/3	A new teacher
Y 1/2	Mrs Mills
Reception	Mrs Keen/A new teacher

It is a very exciting time for The British School and the Governors and I will work to ensure your children continue to get the same high standard of education. If you have any questions about these changes please contact me.

Football success – two out of two!

There have been two football competitions which we entered recently.

First was the **7 a-side at KLB** against the schools in the Wotton area. Everyone played superbly and we won the competition.

Second was the indoor **6 a-side competition at Rednock School**. This was part of the Stroud District Council Competition and again we won the round with some excellent football. This team will now go forward to the finals at Stroud Leisure Centre on 25th April. Good luck to them!

Cross-country Competition

Our cross-country team goes from strength to strength. Our Senior Boys team (Louie, Brody, Jordan and Joseph) came second overall and the other teams were very close to the prizes. Individually the children also did very well and Katie Jenner is off to run for the Wotton District team in the county finals. Good luck to her!

Correction on the Knex Challenge

The wrong names were given as winners of the Knex challenge last month. It should have been Max Clutterbuck and Lukas Pace.

Vandalism

Over the past few months we have had two incidents of vandalism on the school site. Unfortunately we have older children coming on to the school grounds and causing damage, which costs money, which we would rather spend on your children's education. It also slows us down doing some more ambitious projects. If you see or hear of anyone on the school site when they should not be there please let us know or call the police on 08450901234.

PTA Non-uniform day 28th March

We will be having a non-uniform day on March 28th and asking the children to bring in a prize for the tombola at the Charities Fair on 5th April. The usual selection of bottles, jars and other things should raise a significant amount of money that the PTA can spend on equipment for the children in school.

Sponsored Event

The children had a huge amount of exercise and a real challenge in completing the sponsored event last Friday. They all did really well and we are looking forward to everyone sending the money in. We are hopeful that it might be a record breaking event for fund raising. Thank you for your support.

PTA Quiz and Curry Evening on Saturday 29th March at 7.30pm for 8pm

The PTA are holding a Quiz evening on Saturday 29th March - £12 per team (max of six team members). An optional chicken/vegetable curry will be served at half-time at £4 each and should be ordered in advance. Tickets are available from the school office. Please come along and support this popular event.

The school shop will be open from 3.15pm on **Tuesday 25th March.**

Reminder – School will be closed on Good Friday (21st March) and Easter Monday (24th March).

Yours sincerely,

Mr T P Hiatt
Headteacher

The British School Dates for the Diary	
Tuesday 18 th March	6pm PTA June Fling Meeting / 7pm Kindergarten Meeting
Thursday 20 th March	2.30pm Easter Assembly – everyone welcome
Friday 21 st March	School closed – Good Friday
Monday 24 th March	School closed – Easter Monday
Friday 28 th March	Non-uniform day
Saturday 29 th March	7.30pm for 8pm PTA Quiz and Curry Evening
Thursday 3 rd April	Mrs Fuller's class – Cake Sale
Friday 4 th April	9am Assembly / School closes at 2.30pm
Saturday 5 th April	Charities Fayre
Monday 21 st April	Term 5 begins 5pm Governors' Finance/Staffing Meeting
Thursday 24 th April	5.30pm Governors' Site Matters Meeting / 7pm Pupil Matters Meeting
Tuesday 29 th April	7pm OSCARS Meeting
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 12th May - Friday 16th May 2008	SATS WEEK
Thursday 15 th May	7pm Governors' Meeting
Friday 23 rd May	Term 5 finishes
Monday 2 nd June	Term 6 begins
Saturday 14 th June	June Fling
Monday 16 th June	5pm Governors' Finance/Staffing Meeting
Tuesday 17 th June	Leavers/ Class/ Team Photographs
Monday 23 rd June	3.30pm INSET Twilight – no clubs 5pm Governors' Pupil Matters Meeting / 6.30pm Governors Site Matters Meeting
Monday 30 th June – Friday 4th July	Year 6 to South Cerney
Friday 4 th July – Monday 7 th July	Y4 to Sandymouth, Bude
Thursday 10 th July	Open Evening
Friday 11 th July	Leavers' Assembly
Monday 14 th July	6-8pm Year 6 Leavers to Cattle Country
Tuesday, 15 th July	Sports Day 7pm Governors Meeting (Training)
Friday 18 th July	2.30pm Term 6 finishes
Monday 21 April – Friday 23 May 2008	Term 5
Monday 2 June – Friday 18 July 2008	Term 6
Term Dates 2008 - 2009	
Thursday 4 th September - Friday 24 th October 08	Term 1
Tuesday 4 th November - Friday 19 th December 08	Term 2
Monday 5 th January - Friday 13 th February 2009	Term 3
Monday 23 rd February - Friday 3 rd April 2009	Term 4
Monday 20 th April - Friday 22 nd May 2009	Term 5 (4 th May Bank Holiday)
Monday 1 st June - Friday 17 th July 2009	Term 6

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