

Swimming

The beginning of the Summer Term brings with it all the joys of the awakening of this particular season – burgeoning growth, subtle warming, lilting bird song – and very wet children. Yes, it's swimming again. Remember to bring child/lunch/bookbag to the Leisure Centre for 8.50am on Tuesday 21st for the first session of the term.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

April

Thurs 16th Staff Day
Fri 17th Staff Day

Mon 20	Back to School Premier Sports [am] 3.30 Pottery Club
Tues 21	8.50am Swimming Y1-6 [Lewes Leisure Centre]
Wed 22	9.15 Trustees Meeting
Thurs 23	Talk for Y5&6 on Cycling Proficiency

May

Mon 4th Bank Holiday
Weds 6th OPEN DAY
Thurs 7th 6pm Premises Team Meeting

Mon 11th Cycling Proficiency Week [Y5&6]

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When I first came to the school I attempted to formally thank parents at the end of each term for all their different efforts. I soon learnt that this was a dangerous game and that, given the enormous amount of time and energy contributed by so many people each term, it was inevitable that someone would inadvertently get left off the list.

Just in the last week or so parents have . . . put up blinds in the hall (so that we can finally black out the space without risking our necks); provided and installed seating tiers for our end-of-term performance; helped with the completion of important sewing projects; worked with children to edit the film footage of our rehearsals; designed a programme for the children's dances; helped with the crafting of hand-made books; arranged for an expert friend to advise on accounting systems; worked with teachers to deliver beautifully structured gymnastics sessions; helped with the planning of our new playground design; run lunchtime watercolour workshops; helped out in Class 1 . . . not to mention the work, this and every week, of governors and team members who quietly continue to tackle a huge range of other complex projects.

As we reach the end of Charlie (*Millie and Alfie*)'s term as Chair of Governors, however, I'm going to exercise the prerogative of breaking my own rule. Through his unflinching enthusiasm Charlie has brought both commitment and creativity to a parent role which must surely be the most demanding one of all. Both personally and on behalf of the school I send many thanks and wish him a jolly good break over the Easter holidays before we find a different way of enticing him back in to projects new! I'm delighted that Jane (*Wilkie*) has offered to take over the helm and know that we will now in turn all benefit from her long-proven dedication to the school's development.

Lizzie

Re Cycling

A cycling proficiency course is going to be held at the school next term for years 5 and 6. There will be an introductory talk on the first Thursday [26th] of the term.



Red Nose Day raised a fantastic £531.75 – well done everyone who dressed to impress/deeply disturb/break free of those pesky inhibitions

The Eagle has flown

Many of you who came to last week's concert at the school will have enjoyed *Ollie and the Chipmunks'* final appearance. Status Quo performed an extraordinary *volte face* to get back together again. The Eagles said hell would freeze over before they re-formed – but then they did. Only time will tell if the Chipmunks will follow suit.

For the time being, let's just acknowledge that Ollie has been a musical inspiration at the school and we are sorry to see him go.

Remember the traditional Easter Egg hunt is on

Saturday 4th at midday outside 'Bag of Books' (end of Cliffe High St / South St). We'll go up the Downs to Mount Caburn where we'll have a picnic and egg hunt (the eggs will be shared out afterwards). Bring your picnic, bag of chocolate eggs and kites if you like.

All welcome, including brothers/sisters etc -
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Stephanie (*Aileen*)

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Look out for the 2009/10 term dates information tucked into next term's invoice which you will receive during the Easter break