



NEWSLETTER

May/June 2009

Carnival Creatures Workshop

As part of the school's art work inspired by South America, year 5 and 6 worked with artist Ryhs Cowe from the Everyman Theatre Reactions workshops on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd June creating 'Carnival Creatures' from willow and tissue paper.



Working in groups, the children made fabulous South American creatures. Look out for them around school. You might spot a frog, a lizard, a toucan, a porcupine and an enormous crocodile!



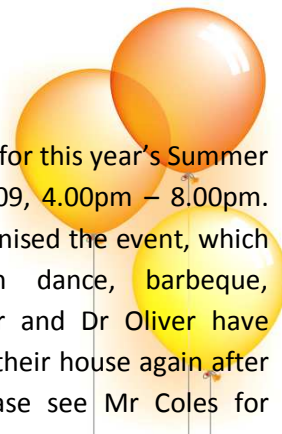
Summer Workshops

This year's summer workshops will run at the end of term between Thursday 9th July and Friday 17th July. The school teaching staff will be running the

workshops which will include art, dance, cookery and drama at the cost of £25.00 per day or £12.50 for a morning or afternoon. A discount is offered for siblings. If you would like further details or wish to register your child, please contact Mr Coles.

Summer Jolly

Don't forget to buy your tickets for this year's Summer Jolly on Saturday 27th June 2009, 4.00pm – 8.00pm. Friends of Hopelands have organised the event, which will include a raffle, barn dance, barbeque, refreshments and games. Mr and Dr Oliver have kindly offered to hold the jolly their house again after the success of last year (please see Mr Coles for details).



Tewkesbury Athletics

Congratulations to all the children who were selected and took part in the athletics events in Tewkesbury on Tuesday 2nd and Tuesday 9th June. The weather did threaten to spoil the events but held off to give the children two wonderful afternoons of athletics.

The school would like copy photographs of the events. If parents have any pictures, could they please contact Mr Coles.

PGL 2009



Mrs Bradburn and Mr Henley led this year's action-packed and exciting weekend at PGL in Ross-on-Wye, which left school on Friday 5th June and returned on Monday 8th June. The rain held off for most of the weekend which

enabled all the children to take part in; climbing, zip wiring, dragon boating, kayaking, the trapeze and a vertical challenge. The children really enjoyed themselves over the course of the weekend with many returning without their voices. Needless to say the school was very quiet that week!



We are delighted the children enjoyed the weekend so much and hope the experience has given the children some lasting memories. Next year's PGL trip has been provisionally booked for 28th May 2010.

Swimming Gala

This year's Swimming Gala has been moved to Tuesday 23rd June. Parents are welcome to attend the event which will start at 9.00am and finish at around 10.00am. Photographs or videos are not permitted.

Fox Cubs and IC Meeting

The parents' evening with Mrs Prout and Mrs Naish for next year's Fox Cubs and IC parents has been moved to 23rd June at 6.00pm. Parents are welcome to come along and ask Mrs Prout and Mrs Naish any questions they may have.



End of Term

The School breaks up for the summer on Wednesday 8th July at 12.00pm. Can all parents please remember to take **all of their children's belongings** home with them at the end of term. The school will be thoroughly cleaned and reorganised over the summer break so any possessions left behind will either be put into lost property or disposed of.

Summer Term Invoices

A reminder from Mr Coles that the Summer Term and Autumn Term bills, which are due to be sent out soon, require separate payments, due to the school's financial year end. If you have any questions about this, please contact Mr Coles.

Prize Giving and Sports' Day

This year's Prize Giving will be at Stonehouse Community Centre on Tuesday 7th July at 1.30pm. Friends and family are welcome to attend but are asked **not to enter the Community Centre Hall until directed by the school staff**. This is so the staff and children can be seated correctly for the performances and prize giving.



Sports' Day will be held at Stagholt Playing Field on Wednesday 1st July at 1.30pm. A reserve date of Friday 3rd July has also been arranged should it be rained off. Stagholt Playing Field is situated at the border between Stonehouse and Standish on the B4008 towards Gloucester (about 1 mile from school). Parking is available at the field although there is a height restriction bar at the entrance. We advise

parents to check the height of their vehicle before parking at the field.

Spelling Bee 2009



The recent school spelling bee was a great success. Children from years 2 - 6 took part in separate bees held over a two week-long period and the morning of Friday 19th June saw the grand final held in the school hall in front of staff, pupils and parents. The winners from each year group battled it out in the grand final. These were:

- Chloe Elliott (Year 2)
- Lucy Jenkins (Year 3)
- Jacob Herbert (Year 4)
- Abbie Gordon (Year 5)
- Edwin Silverthorne (Year 6)

In a nail-biting finale, Jacob Herbert (year 4) defeated Abbie Gordon (year 5) and claimed the title of school spelling champion for the second year running.



A big thank you to Mr Carter for all his hard work in organising the spelling bee competition. He has already kindly offered to organise another competition next year.

Tesco and Sainsbury's Vouchers

Thank you to everyone who has been collecting the Tesco and Sainsbury's vouchers for schools. Mrs Ellis has very kindly counted the vouchers for us and we are pleased to report that we have collected over 5,000 Tesco and over 4,000 Sainsbury's vouchers! Thank you so much! The vouchers are due to be sent off soon. If you have any of the last few remaining, please post them into the collection boxes before it's too late.

The vouchers will be exchanged for sport equipment and educational ICT software which should be delivered ready for the new academic year.

Dates for the Dairy

Monday 22nd June - DT club cancelled
Tuesday 23rd June, 9.00am – Swimming Gala at Dursley Pool
Tuesday 23rd June, 6.00pm – Fox Cubs and IC Meeting
Thursday 25th June – IIB Art trip
Saturday 27th June, 4.00pm – Summer Jolly
Tuesday 30th June – IIC and IVH Expedition Day
Wednesday 1st July, 1.30pm - Sports' Day
Friday 3rd July, 1.30pm – Reserve Sports' Day
Tuesday 7th July, 1.30pm - Prize Giving in Community Centre
Wednesday 8th July, 10.00pm - Leavers' Assembly
Thursday 9th July – Friday 17th July – Summer Workshops

All important calendar dates, including term and swimming dates, are also available from the school website.

Copies of any photographs featured in this newsletter may be requested from the school office.