



SNS NEWS

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Dear Parents

SAFEGUARDING: VOLUNTEERS

We very much appreciate all the help given by parents and other volunteers in school. To clarify expectations further and to ensure safeguarding, we have a leaflet for all volunteers. Your class teacher or staff contact will give you a copy of this and ask you to sign it.

MOBILE PHONES

A reminder that mobile phones are only to be brought into school if a child is coming to and from school on their own and you think they need a phone to ensure safety for this reason. This will usually only be Year 5 / Year 6. All phones must be switched off before coming through the school gates. They must be out of sight (in a bag or pocket) before school starts, when they need to be handed in to the school office and collected again at the end of the day. Any phones found in other circumstances will be confiscated.

OLYMPIC TRUCE PLEDGES

This week our 'Global Club' presented an assembly to children in Years 3 – 6 on the topic of the 'Olympic Truce'. The children have now been asked to make 'pledges' to be displayed on a 'Truce Wall' and they will be bringing home a purple 'flag' to do this. These pledges can be decorated with any media and should include one of the Olympic and Paralympic values: **friendship, respect, courage, excellence, determination, inspiration, equality**.

The pledges could be used at the beginning of inter-sport competitions – encouraging fair play, or to make playtimes more enjoyable. Pledges should be handed to Global Reps. by **Friday 20th January** at the latest.

'SPELTHORNE IN BLOOM' – SCHOOLS' POSTER COMPETITION

As part of the annual 'Spelthorne in Bloom' event, local children have been asked to enter the Council's competition to **design a poster** that shows how local residents can plant flowers and shrubs to improve the environment and enhance the appearance of the Borough.

As 2012 is the year of the **Queen's Diamond Jubilee** this will be the theme for the poster.

The winning design will appear on all publicity materials and can either be:

- a) **hand drawn** – paint, pencil, felt tips, crayon (not montage)
- b) **computer** generated

Posters should be on **A4 paper**, using strong colours (although silver and gold do not reproduce well) and the wording '**Spelthorne in Bloom**' must be included.

Please return entries to Mrs Cook by **Monday 6th February**, with the child's name, age, date of birth and school marked clearly on the back.

HEADLICE

They are still with us in 2012! In particular we are aware of an outbreak in Year 4. Please be vigilant in checking hair and make it easier to comb through with a fine-toothed comb by using conditioner when washing.

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CLASS ASSEMBLIES

We have just one confirmed date this half term. It is: **Friday 27th January – Class 3JW**. This will be at **10.00am** and parents of children in that class are invited to come along.

Three provisional dates next half term are: Friday 2nd March – Class 5J, Friday 9th March - Class 5V and Friday 16th March – Class 6R. Details will be confirmed nearer the time.

REQUEST FOR ITEMS

Below is a diverse list of items that Reception classes would find helpful to have. So if you have any of the following and would be happy to donate them – please do – or speak to class teachers first.

- Chiffon scarves / material
- Old pots and pans (small)
- Hobby horses
- Small world toys – i.e. ‘Mobilo’ figures / people
 - Farm animals
 - Zoo animals
- Emergency services toys
- Dressing-up clothes
- Guttering
- Milk crates
- Planks of wood (sanded, no rough edges please)
- Logs

CHRISTMAS CHARITY COLLECTIONS

A total of **£438.24** was collected after the various children’s Christmas performances. This will be sent to our chosen charity ‘Shelter’. Thank you for all your support.

THIS TERM’S DATES

DATE	EVENT	NOTE
Wednesday 1 st February	Greek Day for Year 3	More information to follow
Thursday 2 nd February	Reception Year Health Checks	Letters to follow
Friday 3 rd February	PTA Discos	Ticket applications to follow
Friday 10 th February	In-service training day (School Improvement Day)	Children do not attend school
13 th – 17 th February	Half Term holiday	
Week beg. 27 th February	Parent / Teacher Consultations	More information to follow
Week beg. 5 th March	Maths Week	More information to follow
Wed 14 th – Friday 16 th March	Year 4 High Ashurst	Letters sent out
Thursday 22 nd March	Whole school photo to be taken	
Friday 30 th March	Last day of term ‘	Yrs R 1 & 2 finish at 2.15 and Yrs 3 – 6 finish at 2.30pm