



21st May 2010

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Yesterday I spent the day at Hill End with the Year 3 children and their teachers on their residential trip. The children were all having a fantastic time and were a credit to the school - as often happens other adults at the centre commented on how well behaved and polite our children are. It was very hot and sunny, but the children and adults were taking plenty of breaks and everyone was looking forward to the evening campfire by the time I left. Well done to all of the children (and adults) and also to all of the other children in Year 3 who have been at school today and yesterday, and have also been learning really well!

Do remember that **next Friday is the last day of this half term and is also the day of our May Festival**. We do hope that you will be able to join us for the children's dancing - please remember that the children should be dressed normally for school but may if they wish wear smart clothes (such as shirt and tie, summer dress) for the dancing. Please see Mrs Shama's letter earlier this week for more details.

Could I also just remind everyone that children are **not allowed** to bring their personal things in to school, unless there has been some special request from their teacher connected to their learning. This means children are not allowed to bring in collector cards/football stickers or toys - unfortunately these things almost always end up going missing and lead to upset. Please help by making sure your child isn't bringing anything into school that he or she shouldn't.

Please return your **Go4it form** if you think that your child could be eligible. This is mainly for children who qualify for free school meals, however if you are not eligible but know of an outside school activity your child would like to be involved in - but so far seems too expensive - please do speak to me as Go4it may be able to help.

Headington Partnership News
Website photo permission

When you signed the form giving or declining permission for us to use photos of your child/ren in school publications, in the local press and on the school website, it did not include reference to the new Headington Partnership website www.headingtonpartnership.org.uk

We would like to use some of our stock of photos to add to our page on that site (there is already a direct link from it to our own site) and will assume, unless you write to tell us otherwise, that, if you have already approved web use, we may submit photos to the webmaster. The children will not of course be identified. Thank you!

CIAO! The Ark

You may have read in the papers or seen on local TV news about the exciting young people's environmental, science and art project to build an Ark which will be placed in front of the University Museum of Natural History, Parks Road in the week 21-25 June and feature children's work and performances. Whilst none of the Headington Partnership schools is directly involved (we did try!), there's a chance for you to take part in family and community workshops over the next few weeks

If you would like to witness the Ark being built and take part in free family workshops to create the 'Sea of Troubles' around the Ark, come along to any of these workshops at The Old Bookbinders, 9 Green Street, Oxford OX4 1YB. (off Randolph Street, which is off the Cowley Road nearly opposite Manzil Way)

Places are limited so please book in advance via email to Tom Nolan (tom@inevents.org) or call 01865 200 780 for more information.

Thursday 6, 13, 20 & 27 May & 3 & 10 June, 6-8pm - Green Street Open Sessions

Tasks will be set each Thursday and participants can drop in to complete one, or as many as they wish. Aged 16+

Saturday 15 & Sunday 16 May, 10am-1pm & 2-5pm - Making Waves

Free family workshop creating waves using plastic bags and willow. Aged 7+

Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 May, 10am-1pm & 2-5pm - Water World

Free family workshop creating miniature water cycles. Aged 7+

Saturday 29 & Sunday 30 May, 10am-1pm & 2-5pm - Create a Whale

Free family workshop creating a whale from patchwork recycled clothes. Aged 18+

Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 June, 10am-1pm & 2-5pm - Annotate the Sea

Free family workshop where you tell us what you would like to take with you and what you would leave behind and write it onto our Sea of Troubles. Aged 7+

From Mr Lewin and everyone at Wood Farm School.



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