



28th January 2011

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends

Very well done to the children who have been involved in the 'Hidden Histories' drama work with Pegasus theatre, and who have been taking part in performances over the last couple of days. I know that the staff from Pegasus theatre have been really impressed with our children, as have our own staff from the school. Special thanks to Mrs McMahon, Miss Barton, Ms Farr and Mrs Shama, who have been putting in some extra long days this week to enable the children to take part!

Building update

I'm sure everyone has been watching with interest as the first phase of the new building work starts to look more and more complete. Over the next few months we will start to enter a very important and exciting stage of the work: survey work will be going on in the old buildings over the next few holiday periods - in preparation for the eventual demolition and removal of the old classrooms later this year. The Foundation stage and nursery won't be affected by this, but for the main school it will mean some changes to the entrance points for the school and also to the playground areas. I will let you know more when we have some definite dates from the construction team.

In the meantime our Year 5 and 5 children have been working on their solutions to some of the challenges and opportunities that this phase will bring us, after they met with Stuart - the project manager from the construction company - earlier this term.

We expect to begin making some use of the new buildings from mid May - we will be using some of the teaching spaces, and will have our lunch hall and temporary kitchen in there too.

Today is the last day for nominations for the role of parent governor. Elections are due to take place next week.

Next week some of our key stage 2 children will have the opportunity to take part in a tree planting trip, as part of our involvement in the One Oak project - which is helping our KS2 children learn more about sustainability, and the ways that trees and woodlands are managed and used.

Do remember that there are places available in the after school club, from 3:10 until 6:00 during term time. Please ask ask in the office for more details.

HEADINGTON PARTNERSHIP EXTENDED SERVICES

SUPPORT GROUP FOR PARENTS of children with autism, Aspergers, ADHD

If you are a parent or carer or family member of a child or young person diagnosed with autism, Aspergers, ADHD or other behavioural conditions, Tresa Knight and Sally Clack, the Home School Community Link Workers for Headington and Wheatley Partnerships, are offering you a chance to meet and share experiences, successes, worries and solutions. The first meeting will be on Tuesday 8 February, 11.30-1.00 at Windmill School, Margaret Road, OX3 9NG. Please let Tresa know if you hope to come, so there is enough coffee/tea/biscuits/chairs, and also if you are interested but cannot make that day. The plan is for a termly meeting, if that is wanted. tresa.knight@oxfordshire.gov.uk 07917 262 029

SUPPORT GROUP FOR GRANDPARENTS

Similarly, if you are a grandparent caring either full or part time for your grandchildren, would you like to meet others in a similar situation?

The first meeting will be on Thursday 17 February 10.30-12.00 at Sandhills School, Terrett Avenue, OX3 8FN
Again please contact Tresa about it, as above

WOOD FARM YOUTH CENTRE : PUBLIC MEETING

Wednesday 2 February 6.30 pm Wood Farm Youth Centre, Titup Hall Drive, OX3 8QQ 9 (at the end of the path that leads to the day nursery). Proposed cuts to the Youth Service are threatening the future of youth provision in the Wood Farm area and the Youth Centre there. This meeting is for all members of the community to share information about the situation and discuss what can be done. Refreshments will be served. Please come and support us. Richard Bryant 01865 769 263

With best wishes from Mr Lewin and everyone at the school.



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