

NEWSLETTER

24th April 2009

Harvey Michael MacDonald

I am pleased to be able to inform parents (a little late, I'm afraid) that **Harvey MacDonald** came into the world on 18th March, weighing in at 10lb 8½oz. Mrs MacDonald, Harvey and the family are all doing well.

Class Structure 2009-10

As you know, we are now finalising plans for future class structures at the school. As part of this, a 'Parents' Clinic' was held in the last week before Easter. Thanks to all of the parents who attended to discuss the proposals. We found the feedback very useful and will be considering this when finalising the structure.

Swimming

This week saw the first swimming sessions for our Y2 children. This is usually an 'eventful' day in the school calendar. In recent years the usual game of 'hunt the underwear' in the boys changing rooms after swimming has been added to by other incidents, including one which resulted in a Year 6 boy having to return to school in his swimming outfit, towel and coat after his own clothes had been taken back to school by another pupil! However, my usual sense of trepidation on this day was unjustified as, barring a couple of reminders that clothes needed to be kept in bags, the Y2 children were very well organised. Well done to them and thanks to all parents who had spent time on this with their children.

I do, however, need to remind parents of children who are going swimming that earrings **MUST** be removed before swimming sessions and appropriate costumes (i.e. trunks or short shorts for boys and no bikinis for girls) also must be worn. This is clearly stated in the guidance passed to us by the Swim Scheme. Unfortunately, this means that children who are not in the correct kit may not be allowed to take part in the lesson.

PE Kits

There has been a small, and increasing, number of children who have not had a PE kit in school recently. I have asked teachers to follow this up with parents of the children concerned.

Celebration Assembly

After a long discussion we have decided to make some changes to the arrangements for Celebration Assembly. The children have told us that the assemblies are too long (and we agree!), but we also feel that we don't want to reduce the number of individual celebrations we have. Therefore, with effect from next week, there will be separate Infant (FS/KS1) and Junior (KS2) assemblies taking place. We will hold weekly alternate assemblies, starting next Friday (1st May) with an Infant Celebration Assembly. The first Junior

Assembly will be on 8th May. We are going to trial this for this term and then review for the new academic year. Assemblies will start at 2.45pm.

Sport

Next Wednesday is a busy sporting week. The following are taking place:

- Preliminary Swimming Gala at Fordton in the morning (a team of Y3/4 children)
- Multi Skills Festival at Birchwood High in the afternoon (all Year 3 children)
- A football team represents the Birchwood Cluster in the town Finals at Bridgewater High in the afternoon (Y5/6)

I will report on these events next week.

School Magazine

This term the magazine has gone live! The children have recorded three articles on a Podcast. To hear these articles, go on-line to our radio station. The link is www.radiowaves.co.uk/lockingisrocking

Also, on the radio station, there is an article about the latest visit to South Africa.

Children's Corner

This week's science work, printed overleaf, is by Laura Mort in Mrs Evans' Y5 class.

Happy Birthday

The following children have had birthdays in the past week;

Kate Walsh	~ 11
Samantha Wakefield	~ 11
Georgia Elliott	~ 11
Shannon Oates-Jones	~ 11
Callum Voos	~ 10
Daisy Yemm	~ 8
Marley Quansah	~ 8
Lewis White	~ 6
Sophie Waight	~ 6
Samantha Hardiker	~ 6
Lewis Groves	~ 5
Sophie Radford	~ 5
Charlie Holt	~ 5
Owen Kelly	~ 5
Joshua Haslam	~ 5

Happy Birthday to them all!