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NEWSLETTER 4

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Child's Name Class

Dear Parents/Carers

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

Thank you all for supporting this worth while cause. A total of £165.95 was raised.

FLORA COOKING WITH SCHOOLS CAMPAIGN

Thank you to everyone who sent in tokens. We collected 771 tokens which are worth £154.20! We are ordering various cooking utensils, e.g. bread loaf tins, baking sheets, dessert bowls and chopping boards.

CHILDREN IN NEED – FRIDAY 20 NOVEMBER

Once again, this year, we are supporting this fund raising event. We are:

- Organising a money trail. Children will be encouraged to bring in any 'spare change' to lay along a trail to see how far we can go.
- Selling Pudsey Bear biscuits at breaktimes, at 20p per biscuit. As a treat the children will be allowed to eat their Pudsey Biscuit as their breaktime snack.

WE ARE COLLECTING:

- Box Tops for Books from boxes of Nestle cereals. Please cut out these tokens and hand them in to the office. With these tokens we are able to obtain free books for the school.
- Book tokens from The Times and The Sunday Times newspapers. These tokens will be published until the end of the year. These tokens can also be redeemed for free books.
- Morrison's Let's Grow Vouchers. With these vouchers we can obtain free gardening equipment.

APPLICATION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL PLACES – SEPTEMBER 2010 AND JANUARY 2011

If you have a child born between 1 September 2005 and 31 August 2006 it is now the time to express a preference as to which school you would like them to attend. You should have received a letter from the Schools Admissions Team giving you information on how to apply. Alternatively, all admissions information, including the First Step Booklet, is available on the website www.devon.gov.uk/admissiononline. If, however, you do not have access to the internet, a hard copy of the First Step Booklet can be obtained by telephoning the Education Helpline, My Devon, on 0845 155 1019 or an application form can be obtained from the school office. All applications have to be submitted by 15 January 2010.

With this in mind, we have arranged two 'Open Mornings' for prospective parents to have a look around the school. These will take place on **Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 November** with tours around the school at 9.30 a.m.

The Choice Adviser Support Service is available to provide support and advice to parents about their child starting school. They can help provide information about different schools, explain how parental preference works and help with form filling or on-line applications. If you require this support please ask for further details at the school office.

It is vital that applications are received on time as those received after 15 January 2010 will be regarded as late and, where schools are oversubscribed, will be disadvantaged.

We would also like to draw your attention to the fact that parents have the right to defer their child starting school. A child does not have to be in full time education until the term after their fifth birthday so you can defer your child starting school until January or Easter. However, if your child was born during the summer term, you do not have the right to defer to a reception class in the following September. **You do, however, need to apply for a school place during the normal admissions process.** Further information can be obtained from the Education Helpline on the above number.

NEWSLETTERS BY E-MAIL

If you would like to receive newsletters by e-mail, please complete the slip at the end of this letter.

FRIDAY FEAST

The next Friday Feast will be held on Friday 27 November and will be run by Year 1. This will take place in the dining hall from 2.45 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come along for a cup of tea and a chat. All the money raised will go to the classes in Year 1 to spend.

CLASS ASSEMBLY

Friday 27 November – Class 5/1. This will start at 2.50 p.m. and parents of children in Class 5/1 are welcome to attend. We would ask that you arrive no later than 2.45 p.m.

THREADWORMS

We have been notified of a couple of cases of threadworm affecting children in Key Stage One. Threadworms are a common problem, particularly in children where they can easily spread from one child to another. They do not cause serious damage, but are an irritating problem.

If you suspect your child has threadworms please notify the school. You can obtain treatment from your pharmacist and will need to treat the whole family. It is not necessary to go to your doctor for initial treatment, except for children under 2 or if you are or think you may be pregnant.

MEALTIME ASSISTANTS

We have vacancies for Mealtimes Assistants starting in January 2010. The hours of work are Monday to Friday 12 noon to 1.30 p.m. If you would like to apply for one of these posts, please contact the office for an application form and further details. Closing date for applications is Friday 27 November.

FAIR FUNDING FOR DEVON SCHOOLS

As you may be aware, the funding allocated to support children in schools across Devon is £375 below the national average. In our school this equates to approximately £138,750 each year. To read more about this, follow the link www.fairfundingfordevonschools.org.uk.

Please consider adding your name to the online petition to lobby for a fairer funding formula for Devon children on the following link: <http://petitions.number10.gov.uk/handsup4schools>

If you have no access to this online site you can arrange a time for you to register your vote via the school internet. Please liaise with Karin Gordon in the office.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Bobby Sutton
Headteacher



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