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## NEWSLETTER 6 - JUNE 2009

Dear Parents,

June is already here - isn't the year rushing by quickly? Our swimming pool is up and running and VERY popular with the children!

### Results of the setting survey

Thank you to everyone who returned the survey on setting we sent out after Christmas. Mrs Parrott and Mr Aston analysed the results very carefully. Parents, children and staff voted overwhelmingly in favour of ability setting for Maths and English from Year 3 upwards, so this will continue next year with a few modifications in Year 3 and 4 which Mr Morel will tell you about in a separate letter. Your comments were very helpful and we have taken careful note of these. Your biggest concern was lack of communication between parents and the set teachers. We have thought very hard about how to improve this problem and next year will be sending out a detailed Maths and English report to each parent in Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 *before* the Parent Consultations in the Spring Term. This report will contain details of work covered, plus targets for improvement and ideas about how you could help. I hope this will help in your understanding of your child's progress in these core subjects. You will always be welcome to make an after school appointment with your child's English or Maths teacher if you need to.

### Holidays in term time

Just a reminder that ALL absences from school-even for one day -must go through the correct channels and a holiday form must be completed. No holidays will be authorised unless they meet the LA criteria of 'exceptional circumstances'.

### Swimming goggles

In order to avoid confusion, I would like to clarify the advice we have received from the County Swimming Service about the wearing of goggles. Goggles should only be worn if your child has a medical need for them -for instance if your child has an allergy to chlorine.

### Literacy News

Here is a message from Miss Goodhew and Mrs Harford:

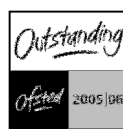
Thanks to everyone who helped collect Nestle box top tokens. We have raised 50 pounds worth of new books for the school. We will continue to collect these tokens -please add them to the box in the front office.

Yearly book amnesty! Mrs Harford and Miss Goodhew would like to do an audit of our library and reading books. Please return these books by Friday 3rd July, so we can do this work during the last two weeks of the summer term.

A gentle reminder that all reading books should be returned to school weekly, as agreed with the class teacher. Many of our children work in groups with a set of books and it can be frustrating when sets become depleted.

### Flora 'Cooking with schools' project

We have registered with the above scheme which supports cooking in school. If you buy a tub of Flora you can register your tokens with our school so that we can purchase cooking equipment for school There is also a collection box in the front entrance hall.



Morrisons 'Let's Grow' scheme.

We will again be collecting these vouchers to enable us to choose gardening equipment for the school.

Hayfever medication

Mrs Barrios is currently being swamped with medication for Hay fever related symptoms. Please remember that we can only administer medication if you have completed a medical form - available from the office. Please DO NOT send medication in with the children in pockets or book bags

Photographs in school

You will shortly be receiving a copy of our new 'Photographs and Images' policy which the Governors have worked hard to produce. In the meantime, please be aware that during large school events such as Sports Days and the Summer Fair, photographs may only be taken for parents own appropriate use.

Open Evening

Following last year's hugely successful open evening, we have decided to open the school again on the evening of Monday June 22nd from 5.30pm - 7.00pm so that children can show their parents around the school and you will have the opportunity to see what goes on in every class. The theme for this year, following our Outstanding Ofsted inspection is 'A Celebration of Learning.' The school governors and many of the teaching and support staff will be present for you to chat to, there will be demonstrations from children and the PTA will be serving refreshments. I hope you will be able to attend.

School brochure

We will shortly be sending each family a copy of our new school brochure, which is packed with useful information - I hope you will enjoy reading it !

Dates for this half term (class trips not included on this list) :

- Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> for 1 week - Book Fair
- Friday June 12<sup>th</sup> - class photograph day - please send children in uniform.
- W/B June 15<sup>th</sup> - Science Week
- Wednesday June 17<sup>th</sup>, 6.30 - New Parents Evening.
- Friday June 19<sup>th</sup> - Key Stage 2 Sports morning - 9.30
- Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup> - Key Stage 1 Sports afternoon, 1.30
- Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup> - Parent/Governor open evening - all welcome. More details nearer the time.
- Thursday June 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday June 26<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 visit to Mepal outdoor centre.
- Friday June 26<sup>th</sup> - Reports out to parents and carers.
- Monday June 29<sup>th</sup> all week - Primary Week. Year 6 at Cottenham Village College.
- Wednesday July 1<sup>st</sup> - class swap afternoon.
- Wednesday July 8<sup>th</sup>pm - PTA Summer Fair
- Friday July 10<sup>th</sup> - all day swimming gala
- Monday July 13<sup>th</sup> - music concert, 6.30 -for parents of performing children only.
- Wednesday July 15<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 Leavers party - more details nearer the time
- Thursday July 16<sup>th</sup> - DISCO for all the children - more details nearer the time.
- Thursday July 16<sup>th</sup> 2.00pm - Year 6 leavers assembly. Parents/Carers of all Year 6 pupils welcome.
- Friday July 17<sup>th</sup>- End of term. School finishes at 2.00pm

Further information for many of the above will be sent to you shortly.



*I hope everyone enjoys the end of what has been yet again a great year for Cottenham Primary School!!!!*

Yours sincerely,

**Jan Wright**

Jan Wright, Headteacher

**We return to school on Thursday September 3<sup>rd</sup>!**

