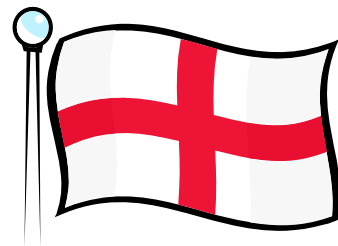


May 2010 Newsletter



4 May 2010

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to our last academic term of the year. This period is particularly busy and demanding as all year groups will be completing their end of year assessments. Please keep monitoring homework, working on targets and hearing your child read. Working together will support your child reaching their full potential.

May – the month of the Rosary

We shall be celebrating during this month, the role of Our Lady, Mary, Mother of Jesus. We will say 'The Rosary' daily in school and also have a special celebration at the 8.30am Mass at St George's RC Church this Sunday, **9th May**. Some of our children will be saying special prayers. We have been asked that all children attending bring flowers to put by the statue of Our Lady. This year, we will not be crowning the May Queen as there are no children within our immediate school community preparing for their first Holy Communion.

Spring School Walking Week

The vast majority of Primary Schools in North Yorkshire participated in "School Walking Week" last October. More than 30,000 pupils of all ages took part, making it one of the most popular events of its type in the County. The North Yorkshire School Travel Team do put the most emphasis on the October week, but this year with more schools showing an interest in walking and the "school run", they are also keen to support the spring "School Walking Week" which begins on **Monday 17 May**. Every pupil will receive something to mark this occasion and the school will be promoting the importance of walking, for everyone and not just those who can walk to school. The North Yorkshire School Travel Team and school are aware that there are families who must drive to school and who have previously been excluded from the event. If you do drive to school, you may wish to consider a new idea called PUFFIN – "Park Up at a Friend's house Instead". If your child has a friend who currently does walk to school via a safe route, then ask if you can park there so the children can walk the last part of the journey together. Or, you might consider parking five minutes away from school and walking the last bit. Please help us to support the event.

Maths Workshop:

I would like to thank all the parents who attended last Thursday's maths workshop run by North York's Numeracy Consultant Mr Richard Dobson. We hope you found it useful. The children really enjoyed sharing how they learn with you.

Outdoor environment:

Our project to continue with the development of the school grounds is continuing well. Last week we were able to put up the shed which we ordered using our Morrisons' vouchers. It should make a safe place to house our gardening equipment. Mrs Dronfield will be planting seasonal vegetables with the children in gardening club, and we hope to begin setting out the planned orchard of fruit trees.

Supermarket Vouchers:

We are currently collecting the following vouchers/tokens for school. Don't forget to ask neighbours and friends to help collect them on our behalf as the more we collect the more resources we can get as a school. We also have a container to recycle old batteries and continue to be vigilant with recycling paper, plastics and tins. Thank you

Tesco Vouchers

Sainsbury Active Kids Vouchers

Clubs

All other clubs have now started, however, the Wednesday Science club has now finished. This will now be a Sports Club run by Mr Myers – please register your child with him.

Diary Dates

Saturday 8 May	Graffiti Art Club
17 – 21 May	Walk to school week
24 – 28 May	Year 3/4 Optional Tests
Friday 28 May	School closes at 3.25pm for Spring Bank Holiday
Monday 7 June	School re-opens
Friday 25 June	9.00am – Football Shootout
Friday 25 June	3.30pm – 'Friends' School Fair
28 June – 2 July	Health & Fitness Week
Tuesday 29 June	9.30am Foundation Stage[Nurs/Rec] Sports Day
Tuesday 29 June	1.00pm Main School [Y1 – Y6] Sports Day
Thursday 1 July	Year 6 day visit to St Augustine's
Friday 2 July	Reports out to Parents
Wednesday 7 July	Informal Evening for Parents – 3.30pm-6.00pm
Wednesday 21 July	School closes <u>at 2.30pm</u> for the summer holiday
Thursday 2 September	School re-opens

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