



Hertford Infant and Nursery School

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Headteacher Mrs Catherine Thompson

23rd April 2008

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to welcome everyone back after the spring holiday and I hope you all enjoyed the 2 week break.

Green Flag

HOORAH! We are really pleased to tell you that we have been assessed and awarded the Green Flag - which is the highest ECO school award. We are particularly proud and excited about this as we understand we are the first Infant and Nursery school in Brighton and Hove to be awarded Green Flag status!!

New Access to School

Thank you all for co-operating so positively with the new temporary access to school, we hope that the new gate will be completed in 3-4 weeks, with a super new arched sign over the brick pillars. This is what the sign will look like:-



NUT Teachers Strike - Tomorrow - Thursday 24th April

The NUT teacher's union will be going ahead with the strike tomorrow - Thursday 24th April. As a result of this, school will be closed for children in Ducklings, Ladybirds, Butterflies and Sparrows.

School will be open for children in Penguins and Puffins only, and will not be open for children in other classes.

Breakfast Club at 8.15 am - open as normal.

Art Club at 3.05 pm - open as normal.

To clarify the situation - teachers generally belong to several different teachers unions. All of our teachers who are members of the NUT will be striking on the 24th April. Other unions are not requesting that their members strike on this day which is why some classes are open.

Attendance This Week

92.27%

Parenting Group and Family Learning Group

I am really pleased to let you know that both of these groups will be running this term in school and would like to thank all of the parents who have agreed to commit their time for them over the coming weeks.

Festival Parade Saturday 3rd May

Thank you to all parents who came in to help prepare the domino costumes for the parade - they will look fantastic! Once again I am embarrassed to tell you that I will not be able to join in the parade as my daughter Fiona, who is in her final year at university, will be performing in the lead role in the university's

operatic performance on that date (proud mother of only child, or what!!!) I do hope you will understand and no doubt I will hear all about it on the Monday.

Charity boxes for the Rockinghorse Appeal.

Reception and KS1 children listened to a short talk about the Rockinghorse Appeal today, and all children will be bringing home a collection box, letter and information leaflet on Friday asking if you would be willing to collect for the charity over the coming weeks. Obviously this is your choice, and we will quite understand if you do not take part, but I felt that this was an appropriate charity that some families might like to support.

Yoga Club

We are delighted to have been awarded a very small lottery grant to pay for short yoga sessions at lunchtime for children who teachers feel would particularly benefit from this relaxing experience. Any child who we would like to join the group will have a letter sent home to their parents.

Caretaker Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a caretaker at the school 7 - 9 am and 4 - 7 pm every day. If you know of anyone who might be interested, please come to the office to collect details. Application forms will need to be returned by this Friday. Thank you.

Oil Collection

The next date for the 'Slick School' oil collection will be Friday 23rd May from 8.45 - 9.30 am. Please bring in your used vegetable oil in a well sealed container, to put in our special oil collection bin. Your oil is then recycled into bio-fuel. This is a valuable contribution to our ECO work. Thank you for your support.

Dates for Your Diary

Thursday 22nd May - Sponsored walk day.

Friday 23rd May - Oil collection 8.45 am.

Friday 13th June - Class photos.

Friday 27th June - Dance/Fair.

Tuesday 8th July - Sports Day.

Tuesday 15th July - Reception and Year 1 children - parents at 2.30 pm to meet your child in their new class/year group, and get transition information from their new class teacher.

Wednesday 16th July - Topic share for Reception and Key Stage 1 - 9.00 - 9.40 am.

Tuesday 22nd July - Leavers Concert.

Assemblies - 'I am special'

Tuesday 20th May 9.15 am - Puffin Class Assembly

Wednesday 11th June 9.15 am - Penguin Class Assembly

Tuesday 17th June 9.15 am - Sparrow Class Assembly

Wednesday 25th June 9.15 am - Ladybird Class Assembly

Tuesday 1st July 9.15 am - Butterfly Class Assembly

Tuesday 15th July 9.15 am and 12.45 pm - Nursery Special Assembly.

Achievements - These are recorded weekly in our Achievement Book which parents are always very welcome to come and look at in our office.

Penguins - Christian S., Ryan, and all of Penguin class.

Puffins - Jack G., Jesse, Kayleigh, Archie and Jesse.

Sparrows - Ellie C., Esther K., Megan, Rayne, Joe, Keaton and Harvey.

Ladybirds - Josh, Sadiya and all of Ladybird class.

Butterflies - Marmar, Ben F. and Chloe.

100% Attendance for the Autumn and Spring term - George, B., Lula, Ben F., Maddy, Josephine, Jordan, Nana, Milo, Esther M., Spencer, Taylor S., Natalie T., Iyleisha and Holly W.

Yours sincerely,

Catherine Thompson, Head Teacher