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Dear Parents,

Our New School Vision

We are enjoying talking to parents at the gate and welcome your thoughts and contributions towards our new school vision. The suggestion box is filling up nicely! Some of your ideas have been to incorporate elements of Cambridge culture, our multi cultural population, environmental sustainability for the future and further community cohesion. You are signalling a strong desire to keep the existing school 'adult child' icon and generally appreciate the value of this consultative process. One thing I would like to comment on here is the success of the previous vision in producing a 'state of the art building' which provides a superb learning environment leading to the healthy school we have now, with its high educational standards, innovation and strong sense of community. We will be continuing at the gate when we return to school to provide as much opportunity as possible for everyone to participate before we put forward the final drafts which we will be asking everyone to vote upon.

The working group would be grateful if you could give some of your time to looking at the existing ideas, thinking about the vision and responding if you have not already done so.

Fund Raising

The plant sale last week raised over £60 towards the Gardening Club and Play Zone. Thank you once again to all those who donated plants and supported the sale. The Year 6 cake sales raised a total of £320 towards the Year 6 PGL trip. Many thanks to the Year 6 children and their parents for all their hardwork throughout the year organising and stocking the sales. Anastasia Castiglione has also donated £820 from the proceeds of ticket sales to the 'Classroom to Ballroom' evening last term to the Year 6 PGL trip. What amazing generosity!

Walk to School Week

We supported this initiative again this year which was easy since the vast majority of our children already take the healthier options of walking or riding a bike or scooter to school.



Sun Protection

We are sending out messages, to children during assemblies, with regard to the need for children to bring a named water bottle to school and have sun hats, covered shoulders and sun cream. It would help if parents could reinforce this at home. We will be having a sun safety week to raise awareness with the children in the week beginning June 14th.

Security

I am sad to report the theft of two bicycles from the school grounds recently. I have involved the police and they would like me to remind parents to ensure bicycles are locked when not in use. The police tell me that it is possible to register your bike's serial number on www.immobilise.com - this helps to re-unite recovered bikes to their rightful owners. We also advise that scooters are not left on the premises overnight.

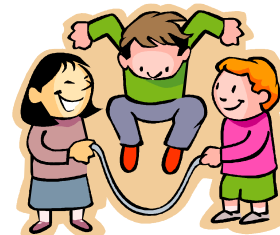
Ethiopia links/Environmental Sustainability

You may recall that last Wednesday 19th May was Milton Road's 'Energy Saving Day'. We experienced a day without lighting and with little paper and no interactive whiteboards or computers. The purpose was for us all to appreciate what we have got and learn that we should conserve electricity and not take it for granted. We

checked meter readings on days leading up to and on the day itself so that we could monitor the amount of saving.

Heart Foundation 'Jump Rope' initiative

The children have this week completed the sponsored skipping sessions, keeping healthy and supporting the British Heart Foundation. Everyone agrees that this is a super event to be involved in. On behalf of everyone in school I would like to thank you for your support with this event and Ms Jones for all her hard work in organising it. The deadline for return of sponsorship forms and money is Friday 18th June. There are still a small number of skipping ropes for sale at the school office – prices range from £2.50 for a short rope to £3.20 for a pair of long Double Dutch ropes.



Drop-In: School Nurse and Parent Support Advisor (PSA)

Helen Morrison, our new School Nurse, will be available for you to discuss any health matters. Helen will be in school each Thursday 9.00-10.30 from 10th June. Contact Helen on 01223 883750 or call into the office if you wish to make an appointment. Sue Derry, our Parent Support Advisor is also available should you wish to discuss matters relating to behaviour or attendance. Sue can be contacted on 07717347436 to make an appointment.

It just leaves me now to wish you all a wonderful half term.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Burton
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary Summer Term 2010

June

- 7 – 11 Y6 to Boreatton Park in the Midlands
 Y5 Bikeability
- Mon 7 Last day to order your child's photograph via school
- Tues 8 Year 3 Visit to see the Mayor
- Wed 9 Year 4 Activity Day
- Thurs 10 Year 5 Taster Morning at Chesterton (*swimming cancelled*)
 3.45pm Y3 & Y4 Rounders at Mayfield
- Fri 11 Year 2 Multiskills at Chesterton Community College – 9.30am – 12.00 (*PE Kits Needed*)
 PTA School Disco 6 – 8pm
- Tues 15 am Y3 Athletics with Castle School (10 children involved)
- Wed 16 Y6 Transition Festival at Chesterton Community College
- Thurs 17 pm Kwik Cricket at Cambridge City
- Fri 18 Deadline for handing in 'Jump Rope' sponsor money
- Mon 21 Year 2 Upware
 Foundation Stage (September 2010 New Children) Play Afternoon 2pm-3pm
- Tues 22 4M Paxton Pits
- Wed 23 Y5 Kentwell
 4R Paxton Pits
- Thurs 24 Foundation Stage (September 2010 New Children) Play Afternoon 2pm-3pm
 3.45pm Y5 & Y6 Rounders at Arbury

Fri 25 Training Day – School Closed
28 – 2 National School Sports Week
Tues 29 Foundation Stage – Trip to Wimpole
Wed 30 Drama Club Trip to London Theatre

July

Thur 1 1.20 – 2.30pm Talent Show to School (prov)
3.45pm Y5 & Y6 Rounders at St Lukes
Fri 2 Y3 Hockey Festival at Chesterton Community College 9.30 – 12 noon
3.30 – 4.45pm Talent Show to Parents
Mon 5 Y6 Induction Day at Chesterton
Y6 Parents Evening at Chesterton
Tues 6 Cambridge Music Concert – Perform to School
7pm Cambridge Music Concert
Thurs 8 am KS1/FS Sports Day - to be held on MRPS School Field
3.45pm Y3 & Y4 Rounders at Milton Road
Fri 9 PTA Summer Fair 6pm – 8pm
Mon 12 9.30am Choir perform to school
2.30pm Choir perform to parents
Tues 13 Year 6 Production Dress Rehearsal to School
September 2010 – New Foundation Stage Parents Evening
Wed 14 am KS2 Sports Day (prov) – to be held on Upper Playing Field (access via gate in car park)
pm Y6 Production
Thurs 15 pm Y6 Production
Reports home to Parents
Mon 19 Year 5 Tudor Production
Tues 20 Children visit new classes
Wed 21 Year 6 Leavers Disco
Thur 22 Term Ends

Term Dates 2010 – 2011

Autumn Term

September

Wed 1 Training Day - School Closed
Thurs 2 School Re-opens

October

Mon 4 – 8 International & Environmental curriculum week
Wed 6 ‘Global Harvest’ International evening for families
Mon 18 School Photographs
Fri 22 School Closed – Training Day
25 – 29 Half Term

November

Mon 1 School Re-opens

December

Fri 17 End of Term

Spring Term

January

Tues 4 Training Day - School Closed
Wed 5 Training Day - School Closed
Thurs 6 School Re-opens
am Year 3 Swimming at Abbey Pool each Thurs during Spring Term

February

Mon 14 pm Drama Club Dress Rehearsal to School
Wed 16 pm Drama Club Production to Parents
Thurs 17 pm Drama Club Production to Parents
21 – 25 Half Term
Mon 28 School Re-opens

March

April

Fri 8 School Closes for Easter

Summer Term

April

Tues 26 School Re-opens
am Year 5 Swimming at Abbey Pool each Thurs during Summer Term

May

Mon 2 School Closed for May Day Bank Holiday
30 – 2nd June Half Term

June

Mon 6 School Re-opens
Fri 24 Training Day – School Closed

July

Fri 22 End of Term