



# Northbourne News

27<sup>th</sup> January 2012

## A good start to the day...

Many congratulations to all of the pupils who received bronze, silver or gold attendance awards in our special assembly on Monday. I was thrilled to see over 100 children gain gold awards for not missing a day of school during the period between October half term and Christmas. Well done to Hawks, the winners of the class attendance prize, with an overall attendance of 97.3% - an outstanding figure! Pupils in Hawks will be able to come to school in non-school uniform next Friday (3<sup>rd</sup> February) as a well done treat for such excellent attendance. Lots of classes were very close behind Hawks, especially Owls, Falcons and Kites who all drew in second place, so well done to all of you...and remember that more awards will be presented for attendance this term, which covers January up to February half term.

Please remember that our school day starts at 8:55am. The gate to the playground opens at 8:45, after which children can make their way to their classrooms; pupils should then be in class, ready to learn, by 8:55am. Late arrival is disruptive for our office staff, teachers, who will have already started teaching, and pupils themselves; children find it understandably embarrassing to walk into their classrooms late, when all of their friends have started working. To help make you aware where there is an issue of consistent late arrival to school, from Monday next week a letter will be sent home when children are late to school twice in one week. This is intended to help flag up that this is an issue, as we are aware that older children often make their own way to school and you may not know that there are any problems. Many, many thanks to all of you who ensure that your children are ready to start the school day on time; as you know, every part of the school day is important in helping your child make progress with their learning, and arriving here on time is an important way of helping with this.

## End of Day Arrangements

We realise that, occasionally, situations arise during the school day that may lead to an unforeseen change in the arrangements for getting your child home. In these circumstances, please telephone the school office and we will do everything we can to help you. However, could we politely ask that, apart from times when arrangements have to change with little notice, you ensure your child knows his or her arrangements for getting home before they leave for school in the morning. This will help minimise disruption in classes when messages have to be delivered. Many thanks for your help.

## Sporting Successes!...

Our Football and Netball teams are both celebrating victories in their leagues this week...a very fitting start to the Olympic year! Our footballers beat Ladygrove Park in an excellent home game last Friday, with a final score of 4 – 2. All of the team played brilliantly. Many thanks to Mr. Fleming and Mr. Woods, as well as all of the parents who came along to support, for such hard work in securing a well-deserved victory.



Our netballers played their latest game on Wednesday, beating Long Wittenham School 6 – 0. Well done to all of the team including those who scored. Again, thanks to the parents and staff who coach and support our excellent team: Miss Hill and Mrs. Dyer, Mrs. Fleming and Cath Rose. I am really pleased that we have now also started a school basketball team; they have made an excellent start to their training, and I'm looking forward to their first competition which will be held nearer Easter. Watch this space for more good news from our sports teams!....



## Swimming Lessons on Thursday

Kites and Eagles have now finished their swimming lessons for this year. Hawks and Falcons start their lessons next week. The children will need a swimming costume, hat, towel and a bag; please speak to a class teacher or Mrs. Reynolds if you need any further information.

## PTA Meeting

Our next PTA meeting is on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, from 7pm, in The Oak. We hope you will be able to join us; we will be discussing our next fund-raising ventures, and all ideas would be very welcome. Please let myself or Mrs. Tomas know if you have any questions or would like to find out more about the work of the PTA.

## Community News

### ***What's new at Willowbrook Leisure Centre?***

As of January 2012 we have started a number of new courses for 3-13+ years. Each course runs for 10 weeks and will result in the child achieving a certificate or a grade after a certain number of sessions.

#### **Mondays:**

Baby Ballet: 3-3.30pm  
Primary Ballet: 3.40-4.10pm  
Grade 1 & 2 Ballet: 4.10-4.55pm  
Street Dance: 4.55-5.40pm

#### **Fridays:**

Baby Tap: 3.10-3.40pm  
Primary Tap: 3.45-4.15pm  
Grade 1 Tap: 4.15-4.45pm  
Street Dance: 4.45-5.30pm

We also currently have spaces on a number of our existing courses

#### **Mondays:**

Basketball: 4.45-5.45pm  
Basketball: 5.45-6.45pm

#### **Fridays:**

Badminton: 5-6pm  
Judo: 5-6pm  
Judo: 6pm-7pm

Watch this space for the return of Trampolining on a Sunday morning from 9.30am-11.30am!

For any more info please don't hesitate to call Willowbrook Leisure Centre on 01235 812058.

### **Dates for the diary**

*Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February*

Class photographs

*Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 9:15am*

Wren class assembly – all parents and relatives are welcome to join us

*Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 10:30am*

Please join us to say farewell to Father Edward in a special service at St. Peters.

*Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 3pm*

End of term 3

*Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> (3:15 – 5pm) and Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> (4 – 7pm) February*

Parent consultation meetings