

# Ringshall School

## Newsletter June 2010



Dear Parents and Carers

I was watching our boys playing football on the field today and wishing that England had played with the same enthusiasm against the USA. It could be worse we could be supporting France! I am rather glad that the collection of new instruments we have bought for the children do not include vuvuzelas. It was good to see so many family members at our Father's day lunch today. Many of these also enjoyed an enthusiastic game of football afterwards!

Along with the World Cup summer is well and truly here. The children are enjoying being able to play on the field and have lessons outdoors. We encourage the children to think of being sun safe. Can I ask you to make sure that your children have sun hats and sun cream for sunny days.

It is lovely to see so many of you at our class assemblies every Friday. It is a good opportunity to find out what your child has been learning and to speak to their teacher. Please check in the newsletter for the dates of your child's class assembly.

It was nice to see so many of our parents at our Wattisham Road Show in the Community Centre. We do this each year because we recognise that some parents find it difficult to come into school to keep in touch with their children's learning. Next Thursday I shall travel with the after school bus to meet parents at the bus stop again. If you have any suggestions of how we might help you find out more about your child's learning please let me know.

Thank you to all parents who came to Sports Day. We had a record turnout. The children did so well and we are very proud of them. The Rowan Class Dressing Up race was a sight to remember! Can I take this opportunity to the many people who helped make the day so successful; Mrs Gooch who organised all the events, all the staff who manned the various activities, Steven Chandler who offered First Aid support (thankfully not needed!), Mrs Meldrum and Mrs Nichols who set up the refreshments, the many parents who helped with the refreshments and washing up and last but by no means least to those of you who provided the delicious cakes. We raised approximately £120. A good time was had by all on our school trip last week. The children's understanding of our topic of Castles was helped by seeing many of the things they had learnt about in school at Orford and Framlingham. We are very grateful to the parents who gave up their time to help on that day.

During the week beginning July 13<sup>th</sup> we shall be having an Art Week. We will need old newspapers, yoghurt pots, old tee shirts as paint shirts and any old sheets you have. If you would like to join us to help or contribute you will be very welcome. We are hoping to be joined by some local A level Art students to help us. The plan is to create some larger scale art works to brighten up our corridors.

Finally can I say a big thank you to Olive Gibb who has resigned as Chair of Parents and Friends as she, and her family are due to be posted. She has worked very hard to the benefit of all the children in the school during her time as Chair. We would like to welcome Camilla Tennant who has just taken over as Chair of parents and Friends. Please speak to her or Emma Everleigh if you wish to help with PFRS.

**Monica Gibbs**

Our whole school focus this half term is:

## Celebration

### Dates for the Diary

Sharing assemblies (Fridays 9am):

Willow 25<sup>th</sup> June

Elm 2<sup>nd</sup> July

Cherry 9<sup>th</sup> July

Saplings 16<sup>th</sup> July

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 9am - 10am

School nurse drop-in

Week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> July

Arts Week

(Activity Week for Y4)

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 3.30 - 6.30

Parents evening

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 10am

Rowan Class' violin concert

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July

Move up day (Transfer day for Y4)

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July

School disco (more information to follow)

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2pm

Leavers' Assembly

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Break up

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Term starts

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### Requests & Reminders from the School Office

To cut down on the amount of cash coming into the office please could you pay dinner money online if possible (details attached). If this is not possible a cheque is preferred. However if cash is sent in please could it be in a named and sealed envelope. Thank you.

### Vouchers

Many thanks for collecting the many vouchers on offer (Tesco's, Sainsbury's etc). Please could you send them into school by Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at the latest so that they can be counted and sent off. Thank you.

### A note from the kitchen

It was good to see so many families represented at our Father's day lunch today We have some special lunches coming up for the children to enjoy. These will be offered at the normal school dinner price.

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June: Wimbledon lunch

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July: World Cup Winners lunch

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July: Seaside special

Many of the children enjoy playing on the field after school. It is a lovely, safe environment for them to play in as they wait for older brothers and sisters to arrive on the school bus. We have put some balls outside for the children to use. Please can you discourage the children from coming in to collect further balls and toys from the Lunchtime Play boxes. If children need to use the toilet could you bring them in to the toilets by the school office as, recently, we have had some children using the toilets after they have been cleaned for the day!

### Parent Governor

Have you ever considered becoming a Governor of the school? We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor ? If you would like to find out more about the role of governor please speak to Nick Banks, Sally Fuller, Katie Wigglesworth, Kathryn Smith, Sean Hedges-Quinn or Miss Gibbs. Nomination papers will be sent out next week.

### Our lost property boxes are full to overflowing!

**Please, please, please** label children's clothing clearly so that we can return items to you. One Ringshall sweatshirt looks much like another!

A word from Elm: This week Elm class have been learning in groups and have been busy drawing and planning how we would like our castle to look when it is finished. We have been learning to share and develop our ideas as a group. Next week we will be getting messy as we follow our designs to make our castle. If you have plastic bottles, Pringles tubs or anything that will help towards making the castle it would be much appreciated if the children could bring these in. In literacy our focus is on fantasy worlds. Elm enjoyed watching a short clip from Alice in Wonderland after which we had to respond to the setting and explain how it made us feel. Following this we will be creating and writing our very own fantasy stories. We had great fun on the school trip and learnt lots and we would like to say a big **'Thank You'** to the parent helpers who joined us.

A word from Saplings: The most exciting thing that has happened so far this term has been our trip to Framlingham Castle. This was the first trip most children have been on since joining Saplings and everyone enjoyed themselves and had great fun! I was even able to take a few of the older children to walk around the tops of the walls and they enjoyed looking through the arrow slits and waving to the other children down below! The next day the children made 'Thank You' cards to the parent helpers who helped to look after them. We are very grateful for their help and hope they enjoyed the trip as much as we did! This week we've learnt some more about castles looking at different types around the world. On Friday we will be making a surprise for dad! Next week we hope to do some more junk modelling so if you have any empty cereal boxes, cardboard tubes, small cartons etc that we can use that would be good to bring in.

A word from Rowan: Following a very successful school trip (big thank you to our parent helpers) Rowan have been writing information texts about the two castles. This has involved developing our skills in using different text types such as explanation texts and non-chronological reports. One thing that a lot of us find quite hard is to make a design or plan and then to be prepared to moderate it to make improvements. We have been trying to do this on several occasions for example when we planned either our attack or defence of one of the castles taking into account everything we now know about them. In maths we have been developing our understanding of fractions and lots of us feel we have made good progress with this. The Year 4 boys enjoyed a fabulous afternoon fishing the other day which has led to a club being set up. We are keen to keep this going next year. The Year 4 girls have an art afternoon to look forward to as they weren't keen on the fishing idea!

A word from Willow: Do you know how a drawbridge works? Can you make a working model of a well or drawbridge? Can you make a tower from paper that is strong enough to take a 1Kg weight? These are just some of the learning challenges Willow class will be facing in Science and Maths over the next few weeks. They will be working together to carry out investigations and explorations, learning to work as a team and co-operate with each other. The children will be learning about timbre; tempo and dynamics in music (see if the children can explain this to you). They will continue to enjoy singing. In Literacy they will be learning to write explanations of their work-remembering to use full stops and capital letters of course. Their Art work and poetry will be going on display in the hall. You will be able to see this at next week's assembly.

A note from Cherry: Cherry class has been very busy since half term. We had a super trip to Framlingham Castle where we saw up close all that we had been learning about castles. This week and next we are focusing on the story of Cinderella. We have mops, dustpans and brushes, gloves, cloths and dressing up clothes in the role play area and have been busy cleaning the classroom - you never know they might try it at home! We have made our own wands and written what we would ask our fairy godmother for if she gave us a wish. Next week we are writing invitations to the ball and designing the menu as well as developing our addition and subtraction skills. We are spending a lot of our day in the outside area and as the weather gets warmer we would ask that the children come to school with sun cream on and a hat to wear otherwise the amount of time they spend outside on a hot day would have to be restricted for their own safety. We will have a box by the door for their hats if you would like to send one in (named) to keep at school.