



# KEW NEWS



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Dear Parents,

I hope you had a wonderful Christmas break with your families and avoided being caught up in travel horrors caused by the snow in December. It was a delight to see the children again on Wednesday and they seem to have settled back well into their school routine.

We have another action-packed term ahead and I hope you will find the attached dates useful to help you with your planning. Please bear in mind that Sporting fixtures are subject to alteration, sometimes at short notice, because of weather issues and the complexities of arrangements made with other schools. We will always endeavour to keep you informed as quickly and accurately as possible about any changes.

I would like to draw your attention to a change of dates for the **Summer half-term in 2012**. Because of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in that year, the Bank Holiday dates have been changed and now fall on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June. We are therefore changing the dates of our half-term to the week of **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2012**, to avoid losing an extra two days of term.

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2011** is our Founder's Day, when we celebrate the life of Mrs Hamilton-Spry. This year, instead of closing the school for the day, we are open as usual and will be offering several very special activities (as yet top secret!) for the children to take part in. Further details will be sent out later. As this is a first, I have agreed that if families already had other things booked for that day I would give permission for their children to be out. Everyone else should come to school as usual, and from next year this will be the norm.

Also this term, we have organised for a speaker from Childnet International to come into school on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March** to talk to all the children in Years 3 to 6 about internet safety, cyberbullying and other related issues. Childnet have a great deal of experience in organising information days of this kind in schools and approach the subject sensitively and practically. They also give talks to parents and we have asked them to come to school on the following day, **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March**, to talk to parents about the same issues and give you guidance and advice about how to keep your children safe. The meeting will take place at 6.00 p.m. in the Sedum and I hope that as many as possible of you will be able to attend. A signing-up form will be sent out next week.

This term we welcome Mrs Linda Phillips as a new teaching assistant, part-time, in Year 2. Miss Amy has moved from Nursery to work in Kindergarten Blue and is being replaced by Miss Niamh Cunningham, who has worked with us before and knows the children well. Miss Lawrence is now working as the teaching assistant in Kindergarten Green. For the first part of the term we have two student teachers from the Roehampton Institute, Miss Lilith Body and Miss Anna Brennan, with us in Kindergarten and Year 1. We extend a very warm welcome to all new staff and visitors.

This year once again the media has been full of items about Swine Flu. Mr Schmidt gave a rousing assembly this morning showing the children the benefits of thorough handwashing and other methods to combat this bug. We are very keen to avoid spreading this nasty illness among the children and staff and I would ask you please to err on the side of caution if your children are unwell and keep them at home rather than send them in to school and risk either making them even more unwell or spreading the infection to other children. Thank you for your cooperation with this. We should be grateful if you would also ensure that your children have warm and waterproof clothing (including hats and gloves) with them every day and particularly on Games afternoons.

I wish you a very happy and healthy New Year for 2011.

**Anne Dobell**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES		
JANUARY		
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Jazz Dance Club begins</b> <b>Junior Choral Club begins</b>	3.30pm - 4.30pm 3.30pm - 4.30pm
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Jazz Dance Club begins</b> <b>Arts and Craft Club begins</b> <b>Multi-Fit Club begins</b> <b>Games Club begins</b>	3.30pm – 4.30pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Little Golfers Club begins</b> <b>German Club begins</b> <b>Computer Club begins</b> <b>String Orchestra begins</b>	3.30pm – 4.30pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> January`	<b>Swimming begins</b> <b>Fencing Club begins</b>	3.30pm – 4.30pm
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Kindergarten Cake Sale</b>	

### NOTICES

#### SWIMMING

Please note that the first swimming session will be on **Thursday 13th January**.

**Year 2** do not swim until the Summer term and details will be sent to you at that time.

**Year 3** are taken to Pools on the Park from school by coach. They should come to school on Thursdays wearing their swimsuit, polo shirt, shorts, tracksuit and a coat. Their swim bag should contain: underwear, swim hat, goggles, hairbrush and towel. **All items should be clearly named.**

**Years 4, 5 and 6** should be brought to Pools on the Park wearing the same kit as Year 3, above.

The timings for swimming are as follows:

**Year 3 - The children are taken to Pools on the Park by coach from school. Normal school timing.**

**Year 4 - Swimming at 9.00 a.m. Parents drop off at Pools on the Park at 8.40 a.m.**

**Years 5 and 6 - Swimming at 8.00 a.m. Parents drop off at Pools on the Park at 7.45 a.m.**

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS INFORMATION FOR SPRING TERM 2011

**Please bring cheques made payable to Little Golfers and to Roy Gayle for £50 on the first session of the term**

DAY	CLUB	VENUE	TEACHER	Collection
MON	Jazz Dance Club	Main school hall	Roy Gayle	Main entrance
	Junior Choral Club	The Sedum	Mrs Thompson and Mrs Allison	The Sedum
TUES	Jazz Dance Club	Main school hall	Roy Gayle	Main entrance
	Arts and Crafts Club	Art Room	Mrs Rizzo and Miss Sidey	Main entrance
	Games Club	Playground	Mr Schmidt and Mr Balmer	Main entrance
	Multi Fit Club	The Sedum	Laura Kelly	Main entrance
WED	German Club	3B classroom	Miss Bauman	Main entrance
	String Orchestra	Sedum	Mrs Thompson	The Sedum
	Little Golfers Club	Main school hall /Playground weather permitting	Andy Little	Main entrance
	Computer Club	IT Lab In The Sedum	Miss Smyth and Mrs Links	Main entrance
THURS	Fencing Club	The Sedum	Marc Bengry	Main entrance

**All clubs run from 3.30—4.30pm**

### World Book Day Competition

We are delighted to announce that Arthur in Year 5 won a prize for his illustration of 'The Chase'. Arthur's illustration was chosen from hundreds of entries and it will appear on the cover of The Anthology of 2010— 2011 World Book Day Short Stories Competition Primary Anthology. Huge congratulations to Arthur for such splendid work.

