

THORNGROVE NEWSLETTER

20th June 2011

The school has returned to normal with Form 7 and Form 9 arriving back from their trips last week. The Form 9 children had a 'ball' in France at Mr and Mrs Broughton's house visiting castles, cities and splashing around in the swimming pool. They also received their CE results whilst they were away and all the children did very well. The Form 7 children enjoyed their PGL course on the Isle of Wight. Mr Webb reports:

'Character building, working together and having fun were some of the aims of an enjoyable week spent by Form 7 on the Isle of Wight at the PGL centre at Whitecliff Bay. Although we arrived in hot weather with beautiful blue skies we had rain, wind and cold in equal measure as the week progressed! Rumours that Mr Hay was on a diet were quickly dispelled when he was seen with three slices of bread at each of the three daily, large cooked meals; and the children soon found that they too needed their energy from plenty of eating to manage the physically demanding activities of body boarding, challenge courses and coastal walks as well as the nerve-racking tasks of abseiling, wall climbing and trapeze. It was wonderful to see the children having a go at all the activities and growing in independence throughout the week'.

Form 1 performed their show on Thursday in front of their parents. They appeared to have no fear and entertained us with a variety of drama, music and dance under the watchful eye of Miss Kitaruth and Mrs Bolton. This was sadly Miss Kitaruth's last show at Thorngrove-what a great swansong!

Our **Summer Concert** is on at the end of this week, Friday 24th June. Mrs Gough has already sent out a letter, but just to remind you that picnics start at 6pm. Although the performance starts at 7pm, Mrs Gough would like all children who are in the concert to be here by 6.50pm.

Mr Brown is running **summer activity clubs** as usual during the summer holidays for children in Forms 4-8. There are still places available and in fact some days have only a handful of children attending. He needs more numbers to make certain days viable. Please sign up as soon as possible if you would like your child to attend.

The **2013 family ski trip** is filling up. Please give deposits (£100 per person) to the school office by Friday 27th June if you would like to join us.

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Helen Adams, Megan Norgate, Abby Willis, Tabitha Mudie, Gemma Smith

I popped across last weekend to see the girls in the photo above on a course. They attended a Lacrosse Coaching Camp at Queen Anne's School in Reading. They had an action packed morning, learning and practising new skills and playing in small-sided matches. They all worked jolly hard and had great fun at the same time! A big thank you to Mrs Astley for taking them.

IMPORTANT FUTURE DATES

SUMMER CONCERT Friday 24th June at 7pm (picnics from 6pm)

FOUNDERS' DAY Monday 27th June from 2.30pm

SPORTS DAY Tuesday 28th June for LS and Forms 4 & 5
(picnics at midday)

Wednesday 29th June for US at 1pm (picnics before)

SPEECH DAY Friday 8th July at 2pm

FOUNDERS' DAY REMINDER

CHILDREN IN FORMS 1 and 2 WILL BE DISMISSED AT 3.15pm FROM THEIR FORMS. CHILDREN IN FORMS 3-9 WILL BE DISMISSED AT **3.45pm** FROM THEIR FORMS. PLEASE COLLECT YOUR CHILD FIRST BEFORE GOING TO THE TEA PARTY. AFTERCARE WILL BE AVAILABLE AS USUAL . HOWEVER, THERE WILL BE **NO PREP OR JUDO.**

Kind Regards,
Adam King (Headmaster)