

THORNGROVE NEWSLETTER

23rd April 2010

It was lovely to welcome the children back to Thorngrove for the Summer Term. For once, the weather has been wonderful and the grounds are looking superb. Long may the sunshine continue!

I would like to welcome in particular six new children who have joined us this term: Sophie Coles (sister of Jasmine) and Louisa Neill in Form 1, Freddie Marsh in Form 2, Tommy Fulbrook in Form 3B, Ben Fulbrook in Form 5A and Aaron Morton in Form 6W.

Many of our parents and children have been stranded abroad due to the volcanic ash saga. Three teachers were also stranded. Miss Kitaruth made it back from Italy on Thursday morning after an epic journey involving a variety of trains, cars and boats. Unfortunately, Mrs Pugsley is still marooned in Delhi but is scheduled to fly back on Sunday.

As promised in my end of term newsletter, the **School Development Plan** can now be viewed on the school website. It is in the 'About Us' section. The document is divided into two parts. The first part, explains all the development objectives that have already been achieved (and there are a considerable number). The second part describes the objectives for the next phase of our development over the next two years. Some objectives will be achieved during the course of this term and others over a longer time frame. I do hope you find the Development Plan interesting and enlightening to read. At the end of the day, the development of the school needs your support and cooperation too.

The school featured in the recent **Newbury Weekly News**. There were some super photos that accompanied the editorial taken by our very own Mr Radford. I'll be putting a copy of the article on the website if you were unable to obtain a copy yourself.

The children in Forms 4 and 5 will now be picked up from the terrace by the Nursery at 3.45pm and 4.15pm. It is hoped that this will ease the congestion at the front of the school. By the end of next week, there will be new signage in the car park. I will explain the significance of this signage in my next newsletter.

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A few of the girls in the lower and middle school are wearing the **new school dress**. I have to say it looks really pretty. Due to a difficulty in sourcing the material the dress had to be ordered by the end of March. If you haven't got one ordered then you will have to wait until next summer. Shepherd and Woodward have also reduced the prices of the skirts. I have attached an up to date uniform list to this newsletter.

The whole **school photo** is on 11th May at 9am. Please make sure that the children come to school in the correct summer uniform and looking as smart as possible.

Please make note of a couple of future dates:

Open Morning for current parents is on **Friday 28th May**. You will be welcome to walk around the school and see the children at work and play. You will also be treated to a school lunch! I will be sending out a letter soon with a reply slip, in order to establish numbers for catering.

The second date is **Speech Day on 7th July**. I am pleased to announce that our guest of honour will be James MacKenzie. The children will know him as 'Raven' from the CBBC series. He will be meeting the children in their classes before Speech Day and of course he will be handing out the prizes.

I hope you can make the most of this glorious weather whilst it lasts.

Kind regards,

Adam King
(Headmaster)