

THORNGROVE NEWSLETTER

30th April 2010

The weather has only just broken and it is a shame that the Bank Holiday weekend looks set to be cold and wet. On the positive side, the start of term has been super and it was great to escape my office on Wednesday and watch several cricket and rounders matches. Whilst I am on the topic of the weather, it is important that you provide your child with appropriate **sun protection** cream and of course a hat. This will be for breaks and games.

I am sure you have seen that Mr Roberts has been busily putting up **signage around the car park**. You would think that people would drive carefully through a school car park but this is not the case and I hope that these signs will serve as a polite reminder. There are now two visitor parking bays. Please do not park your car in these bays or along the adjoining hedge. There needs to be plenty of room between the planters (which give some protection to parents and children) and the hedge to provide a free flow of traffic. I am still hoping that, in the next few weeks, the council will install school signs on Mount Road. It is important to note that, due to lighter evenings, more children are walking and cycling into school. I would like to urge all parents to drive slowly and with due consideration on all the roads around the school as well as on school property.

Move Up Day is on 15th June. Children in Forms 2-8 will be coming home with a letter about this important day. I have attached a copy of this letter to the newsletter (if child mail fails). Last year the day was fun and successful and I have no doubt that it will be the same this year. It is a lovely opportunity for the children to meet their new form teacher and spend time with the boys and girls who will be in their new form next September.

The **new Eco Club** has met a couple of times already this term and the children are preparing the garden for its first plants. It is lovely to see children of all ages working together for a common cause. The garden itself is in the shape of the letter 'E' which is rather appropriate. There is a photo at the end of my letter showing the keen volunteers at work.



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Children from Form 7 travelled to **Monkton School** near Bath to take part in a Science and Maths Challenge Day. Mrs Gomez said, 'the children had a fantastic day, competing against other prep. schools in various Science and Maths challenges. There was a huge inflatable planetarium which the children loved exploring and a fun challenge to build the tallest flour tower. The children were treated to a delicious tea and a great day was had by all.'

Many children enjoyed a wonderful outing to the **ballet** including two of the youngest from Form 1, Anya and Harvey. They watched Cinderella at the theatre in Southampton and Millie Marbus informed me that many of the children were fascinated by the live orchestra. She also said that the ballerina's costumes were beautiful and the scenery was very clever because it seemed to fly right up into the sky! All the children sat attentively for nearly 3 hours which is some feat. They all had a memorable experience. I'd like to thank Mrs Millard for organising the trip.

Finally, the Chairman of East Woodhay Cricket Club has asked if I could advertise a **Youth Morning** which they will be holding on Sunday 16th May for children in Forms 6 and 7 (Years 5 and 6). He also said that girls are welcome. The morning runs from 10am-1pm at the East Woodhay Cricket Ground.

I do hope you all have a relaxing Bank Holiday.

Adam King
(Headmaster)



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RESULTS

1st/2nd XI v. St. Francis 1st XI

TH: 101-8 (20 overs) Wood 43 Wallace 10 Bolkiah 6
STF: 127-6 (20 overs) Wallace 2-28 Wood 1-29 Bolkiah 1-33 Willis 1-37
RESULT: Lost by 26 runs

U11A/B v. Prince's Mead A

TH: 69 All Out (16 overs) Knight 10* Mitchell & Beck 4
STF: 70-7 (14.3 overs) Frisby 1-0 Wood 1-4 Beck 1-4 Mitchell 1-9
RESULT: Lost by 3 wickets

U11A/B v. Sherborne House A

TH: 56-9 (16 overs) Hobby 4 Mortimer 3
STF: 101-5 (16 overs) Mortimer 2-12 Morton 1-6 Embleton 1-7 Saint 1-15
RESULT: Lost by 45 runs