

MEADFURLONG SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NO 243

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SPRING TERM 2010

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Spring weather, let's hope that the winter snows are well behind us and we will soon see the daffodils blooming to cheer us up

E Bullying

It has come to our attention that, despite teachers discussing in detail the dangers of 'cyber bullying' in class, there have been some quite alarming incidents of children attending Meadfurlong making malicious comments to each other using mobile phones and computers.

Whilst this usually occurs out of school it nevertheless has a negative impact in school because the children then fall out which affects their ability to learn effectively in the classroom.

The latest incident seems to be centred around the use of MSN which has been used to make malicious comments about another child and their family which is obviously very upsetting. I would urge all parents to advise their children about how they are using these methods of communication and to check regularly who they are contacting and what they are saying to each other; this will help to minimise this type of bullying which is becoming more prevalent.

Parents Consultation Evenings

A reminder that these evenings are on Monday 15th March and Tuesday 16th March. You should have received a letter inviting you to make an appointment with your child's class teacher.

Parentmail

We are continuing the use of 'Parentmail' which is a system by which we contact parents via text message or E mail. If you have recently changed your mobile phone or E mail please contact the school to make sure our contact information is up to date.

Car Parking

During the next few weeks the council are increasing the car parking area at the front of the school. This will cause some disruption whilst they are doing the work so I would urge all parents to walk to school where they possibly can. Please remind your children not to play in the area where this work is taking place as it is potentially dangerous.

Playing under the Bridges

Members of the public have informed us that some of our children are playing in the area under the bridges between Fishermead and Oldbrook. I have spoken to the children in assembly to warn them that this is dangerous but I would ask parents to further remind their children that it is not a sensible place to play.

Access to Utube

Some parents have expressed a concern that children can access Utube at school. The technicians has now blocked direct access to this site and the children have been told that they must not try to access it using other means.

Lost Property

We still have a large amount of lost property in school. This is kept in the entrance to the school from the playground. Please come in to check if any of this clothing belongs to you. We are planning to hang all items on pegs to make it easier to check through but all property left at the end of term will be sent to a charity shop.

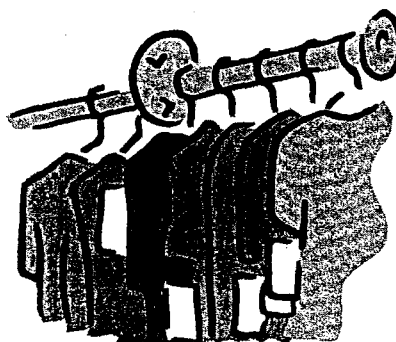
School Uniform

Parents will be aware that we have a new supplier for our uniform and we would like all children to be wearing sweatshirts or cardigans with our new logo by September 2010.

It is expect that these will cost £8 and you will be able to order them during the summer term.

Year 6 children will still be able to wear red tops as an option if they so wish.

Please note that sky blue tops should now be worn for PE only and white tops at all other times.



Sports Activities

Our children have continued to be very active in the sports arenas. Last week the Year 5/6 netball team came second in our cluster group at MK Academy with our Year 5/6 football team beating Loughton 5-0 in the MK shield

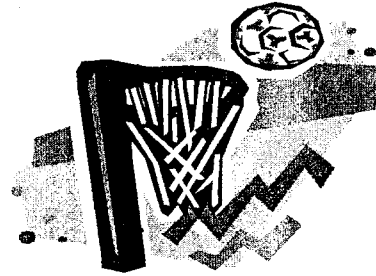
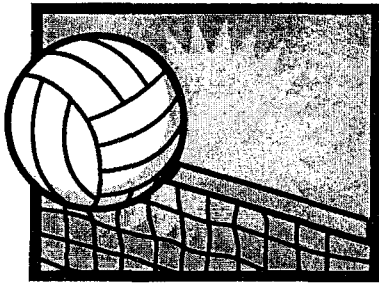
This week our year 3/4 netball team is playing in a tournament at the Academy with further matches coming up later in March.

The Year 3/4 football team play Orchard School on 23rd March and Falconhurst on 31st March.

The Year 5/6 football team are playing Bushfield on the 26th March and the Tag rugby team are playing a tournament on the 24th March.

Children from Year 3/4 are taking part in a dance showcase at Oakgrove on the 25th March.

Our thanks go to Mr Davis and Bailey for arranging and supervising these events.



Important Dates

The end of term is at the end of the school day on Thursday 1st April. The children return to school on Monday 19th April after the Easter holiday.

Year 6 children have their SAT's tests in the week beginning Monday 10th May