



6<sup>th</sup> January 2012

### Dates for your Diary

<b>January</b>	
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	School closed - Inset Day
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	First day of Spring Term Guitar lessons restart
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	Drum lessons restart
Mon 9 <sup>th</sup>	Parent and Toddlers 9.30am to 11am Keyboard lessons restart Clubs start
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup>	Swallows pre-school restarts
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Football 6 a side (Heathfield School) 3.50pm to 5.30pm
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup>	FOSAS meeting - 3.15pm in the Allsorts Room - All welcome
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup>	Bags 2 schools collection - see FOSAS letter
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup>	Dance club restarts 3.20pm to 4.20pm Out of this World Tickets go on sale
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parent and Toddlers 9.30am to 11am
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup>	Tag Rugby (Bishop Fox's School) 2.30pm to 4.30pm
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup>	Y3 + Y4 Athletics (Court Fields) 1.30pm to 3.30pm Dance club 3.20pm to 4.20pm
<b>February</b>	
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dance club 3.20pm to 4.20pm
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup>	Parent and Toddlers 9.30am to 11am Football 6 a side (Heathfield School) 3.50pm to 5.30pm
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup>	School Production - Out of This World 9.30am - Dress rehearsal 6pm - First performance
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup>	Out of This World - 6pm - Final performance
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup>	Unicef Day for Change Dance club 3.20pm to 4.20pm

Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> to Sun 19 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	Parent and Toddlers 9.30am to 11am Parents' evening booking sheets available
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	Y5 + Y6 Area Schools Bollywood Day
<b>March</b>	
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup>	World Book Day Tag Rugby - Bishop Fox's 3.50pm to 5.30pm
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	Parent and Toddlers 9.30am to 11am
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' evening - 5pm to 7pm
12 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup>	Design and Technology week
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	Parents' evening - 3.30pm to 5.30pm
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Parent and Toddlers 9.30am to 11am
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	Tag Rugby (Bishop Fox's School) 3.50pm to 5.30pm
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Children's Parliament
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 30 <sup>th</sup>	Y4 to Y6 - Great Wood Week
31 <sup>st</sup> March to 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holiday
<b>April</b>	
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day - School Closed
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	First Day of Summer Term

### Out Of This World - Performances on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of February

Class Two is already gearing up for what we confidently expect to be a spectacular theatrical production with Class One giving added strength to the choir. The plot involves an adventure in space with an ecological message. You will receive information about costumes in the near future. Tickets will be available from 20<sup>th</sup> January.

### Design and Technology Week (12<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> March)

This is our annual opportunity to put away our books, turn our classrooms into workshops and concentrate on hands on activities designing and making things. Extra hands are always welcome. If you could spare some time to help please speak to your class teacher.

### Parents' Evenings (8<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> March)

The annual meetings for you to discuss your children's progress with their teachers are scheduled for the second half of term. Appointment booking sheets will be on display from 20<sup>th</sup> February. If you are unable to make an appointment please speak to the appropriate teacher.



Although the annual meetings are important please remember that you are always encouraged to speak to teachers about any issues of concern as they arise and to keep us informed about your children's progress out of school. Teachers are usually available before and after school (and if they are busy they will always be happy to make an appointment to see you).

### Uniform

Please make sure all items of school uniform, including PE kit, are clearly named. (Labels do need to be regularly checked as they fade in the wash!). It is easy to ensure that named articles are returned to the right child - if they are not named it is sometimes impossible.

### PE Kit

Children do need to have their PE kit in school every day. In cold weather it is also sensible to have jogging bottoms to wear over shorts. Gloves and hats can also be worn in very cold weather.

### Water Bottles

Don't forget that water bottles with a sports top are on sale (£1.40) from the office. Replacement tops are also available (15p). Every child does need to have a water bottle in school.

### Feedback Questionnaire

Attached to this letter is a questionnaire asking for your views about the school. This is a form we send out each year (based on an old Ofsted format) and provides useful information for me and the governors.

Please don't forget that your views, comments and ideas are always appreciated either to me or to the elected parent governors (John Troake, Jo Cronin and Paul Rowlandson).

### Swallows Pre-school and Toddlers

Swallows pre-school continues to run on Tuesdays. Children are eligible to start in the term in which they are three and stay at pre-school until they are ready to start Reception in Class 1. We are keen to recruit more children for Swallows, so do please continue to pass the word around.

The Parent and Toddlers group meets fortnightly, starting on 9<sup>th</sup> January.

### Email

Don't forget that letters from school can easily be sent to you by email (either instead of, or as well as, pupil post and the notice board). If you would like to take advantage of this just make sure Mrs. Sorenson has your correct email address, but do make sure you let us know straight away if you have problems with your internet connection.



### Helping in School

We are an open door, friendly school and value any help that you can give. This may be working with children in the classroom or helping 'behind the scenes', or acting as a driver to events. If you are able to offer to help at any time, either regularly or on an occasional basis, please contact your child's teacher or me. For the security of the children and to comply with our legal obligations we do ask parents who help on a regular basis to complete a Criminal Records Bureau (CRB) Check.

### Severe Weather

This is the term in which school is most likely to be disrupted by severe weather. We will of course make every effort to keep the school open, but sometimes it is just not possible for staff to get here, and without enough staff we cannot open. Letters detailing where to find out if the school is affected were sent out last term (further copies are available from the office).

### Safety in the Car Park

A parent has raised concerns about children's safety in the car park before and after school. Can I remind everyone of the need to be extra careful, particularly when reversing, as it is not always easy to see small children.

Wishing you all a happy and successful New Year.

Eddie East  
Headteacher

