

7th April 2011

Dear Parents,

I am writing to update you on events at school as we approach the Easter break.

You are probably aware that Mrs Hutchinson has not been in school over the past three weeks, unfortunately, she has been very poorly with a viral infection. She is beginning to feel better and sends her best wishes to you all for a Happy Easter and looks forward to returning to school in full health after Easter.

Thank you to all pupils and parents who have been involved in our Lenten Fund Raising activities, as always whilst having fun we have also been able to reflect upon the needs of others and give thanks for our own blessings.

We end the week with the Sponsored spell on Thursday and the Early Years and Pre Prep Easter Bunny Hunt and Easter Hat Parade on Friday morning followed by the Jar Tombola in the afternoon.

School ends as normal on Friday 8th April with Joe's Club available as usual until 5-50pm.

The PTA Easter disco commences at 6-30 until 8-00pm on 8th April, we look forward to ending the term with lots of fun and dancing. Thank you to the PTA for organising this event.

- ❑ **School re-opens on Tuesday 3rd May**
- ❑ **Holiday Club** – This will run from Monday 11th April until Thursday 28th April, (excluding Friday 22nd & Monday 25th April). For bookings or further information please contact Mr Shone on 01782 641212 / info@hanforddaynurseries.co.uk
- ❑ **Reports** –If you have not received your child's report please e-mail Mrs Pickford who will ensure that you receive one before we break up for Easter.
Please return your reply slips as this helps the school monitor your feelings and act upon any concerns.
Many thanks to those people who have responded.
- ❑ **Summer Term** – Weather permitting summer uniforms should be worn by the first week of May.
- ❑ **Sun Protection Policy** – Please note our Sun Protection Policy in the front of your child's school diary (PP1 – P6) and for early Years please see additional sheet. We ask that you send in a labelled sunscreen for your child. Children are supervised when applying this.
- ❑ **Supermarket Vouchers - Sports for Schools / Computer Equipment** Sainsbury's and Tesco are now offering their school vouchers to customers we would be very grateful if you and your family and friends could collect them for us by sending them into school with your child.
- ❑ **Design Competition** – the children have recently taken part in a competition to design posters to encourage people to think about where they are parking. It is hoped that several cones, with the children's posters attached, will be placed along no parking areas on Rookery Lane, which will hopefully alleviate this problem.



Forthcoming Diary Dates

Please note that we return to school on Tuesday 3rd May.

- 4th May Alton Castle Retreat for P5
- 5th May Edmund Rice Mass at 10-30am led by Father Rob at St Teresa's Church. Children from Reception Class through to Prep 6 will attend. All Parents and Carers are welcome
- 6th May Return from Alton Castle.
- 10th May P3 Assembly for May Day 9.30am in School Hall. (Parents /Carers most welcome)
- 16th May Exam week
- 17th May Reception Assembly 3pm in School Hall. (Parents /Carers most welcome)
- 23rd May Humanities Week
- 27th May Swimming Gala at Denstone College for PP2 to P6 (due to lack of space at the poolside we are unable to invite parents to attend this event. We are most grateful to the Headteacher and staff at Denstone College for kindly allowing us to use the pool for this event) All children will require a packed lunch and enough water for the day
- 27th May break up for half term (Joe's Club as usual until 5.50pm)
- (Holiday Club will operate during May half term as usual. For bookings or further information please contact Mr Shone on 01782 641212 / info@hanforddaynurseries.co.uk)
- 6th June School commences

May we take this opportunity to wish you joy, happiness and peace as we celebrate the Good News of the Resurrection at Easter.

God Bless.

Miss A. Buttery
Deputy Head Teacher



**"Time for joy and time for giving
Time for remembering
Love while living.**

**Take this message Easter Day
Show kindness, care
At home and play.**

**It's in our very acts of giving
Easter's joy
Makes life worth living.**

**Children round the globe now hear
Keep Easter
In your heart all year.**

**May joy and love spread land to land
*Linked heart to heart
And hand to hand!"***