



UPDATE FROM THE HEAD

Dear Parents,

We come to the end of a full and eventful half-term. It started with the snow of early January and concludes with the stiff winds of early spring. I have been heartened by the welcome I have received and there was not a better way to celebrate the half term than spending the evening listening to the musical talents of our children and parents. A big thank you to Miss Larkin for allowing everyone to showcase their ability. It was a lovely evening watched by an audience of over 100 people. Thanks also to our Global Rockers for the refreshments.

I am writing these notes in advance of the staff 5-a-side tournament. Pupils will no doubt have been transfixed by the array of talent on display. Why did they come into teaching you might ask? I posed the very same question!! This event was the culmination of our Haiti appeal which will have raised over £670- a great effort.

I have spoken with the children about my expectations this week. I have been here for 6 weeks and I have reminded them that whilst I want everyone to enjoy the school experience we are here to learn. Anyone that gets in the way of this will be aware of my feelings.

Have a good half term.

Gary Booth

ATTENDANCE

Punctuality of Pupils

PUPILS NEED TO BE IN SCHOOL BY 8.40AM

As you are now aware lesson times have altered slightly. As a result it is crucial pupils arrive at school no later than 8.40am in order to register and be ready to start their learning at 8.50am prompt.

Unfortunately we are seeing a number of pupils arrive late for no apparent reason.

We must inform you that parents of pupils concerned will be contacted by letter or by text. Persistent offenders will be monitored and a detention will be set to make up any time missed due to their lack of punctuality. Parents will be notified accordingly.

If you know your child is likely to be late into school please advise us before 8.40am with full details. Pupils arriving later than 8.40am must enter school via Reception to sign in.

DAVID HIDE ASTHMA AND ALLERGY RESEARCH CENTRE

The team at the David Hide Asthma and Allergy Research Centre on the Island are working to recruit Island children from the ages of 4 - 11 who suffer from Hayfever. The object of the research study is to see if they can prevent the children from going on to develop asthma.

If you could help with the study please contact the Research Centre on 534897.

If you would like further information please contact Sharon Matthews or Paula Williams at the Centre on 534897

HAITI APPEAL

The children at Sandham took part in football matches to raise money for the Haiti Appeal.

The total raised by the children was
£176

The staff 5-a-side raised a further **£262**

A big thank you to all pupils who brought in silver coins to cover their class's Haiti map. The total raised for this event was
£239.60.

Well done to all who took part in contributing to this worthy cause, where a grand total of **£677.60** was raised.

DONATIONS

We are collecting the following items for the Earl Mountbatten Hospice:

- **Clean & Washed Milk Bottle Tops**
- **Stamps**
- **Old Mobile Phones**

**Please hand into Reception.
Thank you**

DATES FOR THE DIARY

- Monday 22nd February - Headteacher Surgery 5.30pm - 6.30pm
- Tuesday 23rd February Governing Body meeting 5.30pm
- Years 5 and 6 will be visiting Amazon World the week commencing Monday 22nd February.