



Midhurst Primary School Spring Term Newsletter #5 11.03.11

NEW INTAKE FOR SEPTEMBER

FILM CLUB

Another message about FILM CLUB!

There will be NO filmclub on Monday 28th March for KS2 or Friday 1st April for KS1 because of the Year 5 and 6 residential that week.

The following week we will run the club, but that will be the last FILMCLUBS until the Autumn Term next year. This is because as we move into the Summer term, I would like to run something outside for the children instead. Watch this space for more information.

I apologise for any inconvenience this will cause.

HEALTHY SCHOOLS STATUS

We have just been awarded Healthy Schools Status! Following some rigorous evaluations and focus on four areas of the school, namely Personal, Social and Health Education, Healthy Eating, Physical Activity and Emotional Health and Wellbeing, as well as some very hard work from the staff, we have shown that we meet the criteria for the initial Healthy Schools Award. There is still much that we want to do and part of the award is in recognition of our plans, but a moment to celebrate.

Having recently been invited to a meeting by Sandra Beckett, Senior Manager for school Admissions, I have been informed that there have been more first choice requests for places in our next reception class than the expected 30. Such is the demand and difficulty in placing the children elsewhere, Sandra asked if the school would extend their intake for the year and offer 45 places.

Following careful discussions with the Governing Body we have agreed to work with admissions on this, given that we have been promised support financially to make taking the extra 15 children possible and that the extra children live within the school's catchment area.

At this stage it is not clear how many children we will actually be taking as offers for places are yet to be made and there will of course be fluctuations as people consider their offers and what they want to do. Please do be assured that because the legal position is that we cannot have a Reception, year 1 or 2 class with more than 30, that if we do take more than 30 we will initially run two Reception classes instead of one. I am not in a position to give more details, but as the picture becomes clearer and I can give confirmed information, I will let you know.

Should you have any concerns, please do make an appointment to see me and I will be happy to discuss them with you.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 7.03.11	Parents Evening
Tuesday 8.03.11	Curtis, Architect to meet HT to discuss plans for Landing Area Reception Pancake race Parents Evening
Wednesday 9.03.11	Thomas Doors to install security doors School Council (KS2) Anti-Bullying
Thursday 10.03.11	Thomas Doors to install security doors
Friday 11.03.11	

Monday 14.03.11	Pene Mather to Present School Travel Plan award in Assembly
Tuesday 15.03.11	
Wednesday 16.03.11	MB and EA on First Aid at Work Training
Thursday 17.03.11	MB and EA on First Aid at Work Training SATS meeting for Year 6 parents 6.30 at school
Friday 18.03.11	MB and EA on First Aid at Work Training Comic Relief

Well, that's it for another fortnight, in what has been another busy period of time for the school. Another quote for you:

'Good teaching is forever being on the cutting edge of a child's competence'.
Jerome Bruner 86

Yours healthily,
Matthew Barnes

