

# **CALDECOTT PRIMARY SCHOOL**

## **NEWSLETTER**

**25<sup>th</sup> September 2009**



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we were very pleased to find out our school is once more in the top 20% of schools for progress, in fact, nearly in the top 5%. This is such a tribute to the commitment, care and inspiration of all the adults working here - I'm sure you'll agree.

### **Inset Day**

Don't forget that next Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October is an Inset day and school will be closed for pupils.

### ***Year 5/ 6 Residential Visit***

A place has become available on the Hillcrest Activity Centre residential which will take place from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2010. The total cost is £235 and we will need an initial deposit of £120 as soon as possible. If you are interested please contact the school office.

For all those who have a place – second deposits were due today. If you have not already done so please make sure that this is paid by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September – if we have not received payment the place will be reallocated and you will lose your initial deposit.

### ***School Grounds***

Please can I remind parents/carers and children that the school day begins at 8.45am – children should arrive in time but not before 8.30am. Children and parents or carers who arrive before class teachers have opened their doors should wait outside by the main bicycle shed – the school playground and playing fields are not supervised and children should not be playing on them at the start of the school day.

Please can I also ask that you do not drive into the school car park, unless you are registered disabled and have permission to use our disabled spaces. Children from the Language Base are dropped off and collected by taxi and we do have parents and carers who genuinely need to use our disabled

spaces – any other traffic causes dangerous levels of congestion and compromises the safety of the children.

### ***Fair Processing Notice***

From time to time the school is required to pass on personal data about pupils to the local authorities, the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF), and to agencies that are prescribed by law. You will have received a summary of who has access to this personal data and how it is used with your newsletter. Supplementary information which gives greater details of how the pupil data is processed and the rights of parents and pupils is available by accessing the websites listed - where this is not practical, a hard copy can be obtained from the school office.

### ***School Database***

Your child(ren) will also have brought home with them a “Data Collection Sheet”. This contains all of the information we hold on our school computer database including details of people who can be contacted in an emergency.

Please can you check through this sheet carefully. The information is usually added to the computer when your child started Nursery and, if you haven't kept us informed of any changes, may be out of date. If it is incorrect please mark the sheet with changes and return to the office as soon as possible.

When a child is ill, it is very important for us to be able to contact someone as soon as possible to minimise their distress. If you can provide more than one contact telephone number (i.e. someone that you are happy to have come and pick up your child in the event that they are ill) then please do so.

### ***Friends***

Please look out for the Friends newsletter this term which we hope you will find informative. Dates for your diary this term include a school disco on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> December and the Christmas Fair on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

## ***Swine Flu***

As we approach winter, we may well find that cases of swine flu increase. There is no need to stay away from school unless symptoms are experienced, however please remain vigilant for flu like symptoms and keep children at home if they are unwell.

We have enclosed a Health Protection Agency advice leaflet for your information.

## ***School Dinners***

Food with Thought will be celebrating Great British Food this month. There will be a change to the published menu as follows:

### ***Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> September***

Fish & Chips  
Vegetable & Cheese Country Bake  
Baked Beans  
Garden Peas  
Selection of Salads  
Apple Pie & Custard  
Fresh Fruit pots

### ***Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> September***

Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding  
Toad in the Hole  
Vegetarian Toad in the Hole  
Roast or creamed potatoes  
Glazed Carrots  
Broccoli Florets  
English Trifle  
Jelly and Ice cream  
Fresh Fruit Pots

*\* Please note that during this week chips appear on the menu twice*

## ***Smash! Junior Badminton***

SMASH badminton is a badminton club for children aged 7 -17 held at St Helen's School in Abingdon on a Saturday morning. Children can attend from schools around the Abingdon area.

Session Times:	Junior	8.30 – 9.30am
	Intermediate	9.30 – 10.45am
	Advanced	10.45 – 12.00pm

With sessions costs at £52 for the whole season you won't find better sporting value for your money (grant assisted places are available on application). Contact [chair@smashbc.org.uk](mailto:chair@smashbc.org.uk) or, better still – just turn up.

## *Abingdon Town Council Events*

There will be an Italian Market, selling pasta, confectionery, olives, cheeses, fresh bread, cured meats, pastries, pickles and other fine products, in the Market place on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October from 9.00am to 5.30pm and Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October from 9.00am to 6.00pm.

## *Secondary School Open Evenings*

Please note the times and dates for the local secondary school open evenings and days.

<b>Larkmead</b>	Open Evening	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> October from 6.00 – 8.00pm
	Open Day	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October From 9.30am – 4.30pm
<b>John Mason</b>	Open Evening	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September from 6.30 – 8.30pm
	Open Days	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> September and Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> October Every half hour between 9.00 am and 12.00pm <b>by appointment only</b>
<b>Fitzharrys</b>	Open Evening	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October from 5.30 – 8.00pm
<b>Didcot Girls</b>	Open Evening	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September from 4.30 – 7.30pm

We are very happy for Year 6 pupils to take time out of school to visit secondary schools during their open days or for a set appointment. Please do send in a note to your child's teacher stating the time and date of any visit so they are not registered as absent for a school session. Can I also remind you that admission forms are due back no later than 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

## *Reminder of Dates*

Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Inset Day – School is closed
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Pilgrim's Progress for Year 3/ 4 and 5/6
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 2 Visit to the Fire Station
Week beginning 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Parent Interviews
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	School Photographer / Portraits