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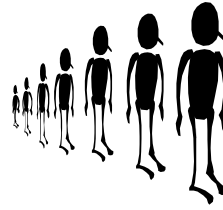
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Dear Parents and Carers,

28th April 2010.

SHIRLEY TOWERS FIRE TRAGEDY – Tomorrow, **Thursday 29th April** the school council have asked for a Non Uniform day in aid of the families of the firefighters who lost their lives in the Shirley Towers fire at Easter. The money will go to the James Shears and Alan Bannon Memorial Fund. Children are welcome to wear non school uniform for a fine of money, approximately £1 would be an appropriate amount.

ANGER MANAGEMENT COURSE – There are one or two places available on this highly successful Anger Management Course starting tonight **Wednesday evening 28th April** from 6.30 – 9.00. Come along if you can, the course will take place in the canteen.

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS – This year's class photographs will take place on Wednesday 5th May, children should wear smart school clothing as usual.

GENERAL ELECTION – The school will remain **open** on **6th May 2010** on the day of the **General Election**. The school canteen will be used as a polling station. The main changes to the day will be:-

- There will be no pedestrian access from Imperial Avenue
- There will be no hot dinners
- Lunchboxes will all need to be taken to the classrooms
- There is no access to the polling station (canteen) from the school playground.

YEAR R SEPTEMBER 2010 – We are holding a meeting for new year R parents on Monday 10th May at 6.15p.m. in the school hall. This is an opportunity to find out about the arrangements for induction this term and for starting in September. This year we have 60 children with 47 children who wanted to come to Foundry Lane unable to get a place.

YEAR 6 SATS 2010 – Year 6 children at Foundry Lane will not be taking part in the National SATs tests this year, the SATs are being boycotted because:-

- Testing in this way is stressful for children, parents and teachers.
- The tests are an unreliable way of assessing a pupil's progress.
- We have experienced an unacceptably high level of inaccuracy in test results, teacher assessment has been proved to be more reliable.
- Placing such emphasis on the result of the tests can encourage "teaching to the test".
- The tests can narrow what is taught in primary school by squeezing out time for other teaching.
- Testing in this way can lower the self esteem of too many children.
- This system does not present a fair reflection of the breadth or depth of work done by the pupils or the school.

More accurate moderated teacher assessments will be used in place of SATs to give information to parents and to secondary schools.

A detailed letter has been sent to Year 6 parents, this letter is on the school website with this newsletter.

SOUTHERN DAILY ECHO AND LEADBITTER SCHOOL BUILD CHALLENGE – Our school have been chosen as a finalist in this competition. The aim of this project is to use solar power to generate electricity for use in the school grounds for wildlife webcams, greenhouse lighting and heating. We are collecting the tokens from the Echo and the Advertiser to try to win this competition, please send yours in to the school office.

TIGER CLUB – BREAKFAST, AFTER SCHOOL AND HOLIDAY CHILDCARE – Do you need childcare in September? We are now taking bookings for September for:-

Breakfast Club – 7.50 – 8.50 a.m. £2.00 a day

After School Care – 3.10 – 5.45p.m. £7.25 a day

The closing date for consideration for a place will be **14th May** for applications for children already attending Tiger Club and those applying for the first time. Places will be allocated for September from the applications received by that date. There are 24 places available for each session and priority will be given to those requiring the most sessions in a week.

We are also taking bookings for Holiday Care for half term and for the Summer Holidays

Half Term – 8.00 – 5.45 p.m. Tuesday 1st June- Friday 4th June - £15 a day £10 for second child

Places are allocated on a first come first served basis – closing date: Monday 24th May

Summer Holidays – 8.00 – 5.45 p.m. Monday to Friday 26th July to 13th August inclusive - £15 a day and £10 for second child Closing date: Monday 12th July.

NEW KITCHEN - 3 YEARS LATER – At half term building work will begin on the new school kitchen. This project was planned about three years ago but has been delayed by the City Council. The contracts have finally been signed and the kitchen should be completed by September, opening in October 2010. The canteen will continue to be used and the meals served for the whole of this term.

WANTED

TESCO VOUCHERS

SAINSBURYS VOUCHERS

ECHO TOKENS

SCHOOL CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY – The school will be closed on Monday 3rd May for Bank Holiday. We will reopen as usual on Tuesday 4th May.

Dear Parent/Carer

27th April 2010.

YEAR 6 SAT's 2010.

After a successful ballot, both the National Association of Headteachers and the National Union of Teachers have agreed to ask their members not to implement the Key Stage 2 SAT's this year. This school will therefore not be carrying out the Key Stage 2 tests in English and Maths.

This dispute with the government has come following a campaign over the last eighteen months to try and agree a way to end SATs in Key Stage 2.

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We will continue to assess your child's progress as we have done throughout the school. Teacher assessments will be made and will be thoroughly moderated to ensure that they are accurate. We will still use a range of different methods to assess children, including tests. Any testing will be properly used to underpin teacher judgements and ensure pupils receive the teaching they need. These assessments will provide you with excellent and more accurate information on your child's progress.

The end of year report will be sent to you as usual and will contain information on your child's progress. The report will also tell you what national curriculum level your child has achieved.

The school's normal secondary school transition arrangements will continue. We will link up with the teachers in the school that your child will be attending next year and ensure that they receive more accurate and up-to-date information.

We are looking forward to your child's final term at Foundry Lane, uninterrupted by the SATs tests. We are sure they will enjoy the challenges of the Year 6 curriculum over the weeks ahead.

Yours sincerely,

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