



# Update

Spring Term 2

January 2010

## **In School**

Thank you to all the parents who came to parents' evening. I hope you found it useful. Also a big thank you to the parents who gave some feedback on the adjustments to the Spring Term Targets Report. Your comments are really useful because that's the only way we can make sure that any changes we make to the school are having the effect that was intended, or that we have addressed concerns raised through surveys or informal conversations. So please keep them coming and don't feel shy; what we want is to foster a real open dialogue so your children have the richest learning experience possible. If at any stage you have a thought or an idea just email me, head @ [highfield.southampton.sch.uk](mailto:highfield.southampton.sch.uk).

There are 2 further parent evenings set aside this term on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March. These are invitation meetings for parents who we need to work closely with to support their child's learning. If the meeting is necessary the teachers will send you a message nearer the time. Also thank you for the contributions to the Haiti disaster relief. We will be adding the sums to the stunning amount raised by Highfield Church.

## **Junior Rock Challenge**

The school has entered the Rock Challenge which takes place on March 7<sup>th</sup> on the main stage at the Guildhall. This is a BIG event and on a short timetable. We need 4 wallpaper tables. Please can we borrow one from you asap.

Stage crew needed. If you would like to be involved in the event as part of our team, and work backstage at the Guildhall, then please send note of interest to me for Monday. Remember you will be needed all day on March 7<sup>th</sup>.

The number to order tickets is 02380 632691. I am waiting to be told the price but it might be an idea to get in early.

## **Congratulations**

A huge well done to the netball teams who are having a fantastic season. A top of table slot is in sight for the A team.

## **Morning Arrival times**

Whilst we are always pleased to see the children arrive safely in the mornings, some seem to be arriving very early on these very cold mornings. I would remind parents that classrooms are not open to children until 8.45am and the school is not responsible for supervision prior to this time.

## **Collection of Children**

Can we please remind parents of the importance of letting the school know if your child is being picked up by someone else and also of the need to pick up children on time from school. We have a few children who are regularly collected late from school.

## **New Face**

We would like to welcome our new member of the Admin Team, Ruth Heine, who has been appointed as an Admin Assistant and will be here in the afternoons.

Mrs Ford has taken on the role of Junior Department Leader and will be working hard to build on the good quality provision at the Hawthorn Road site.

## **Dinner Money Statements**

Statements will be sent out from time to time to keep you informed of whether your dinner money account is in credit or owing. If it is owing, it will be shown as a minus figure. Any queries, please contact Mrs Brew between 9.00am and 1.00pm in the office.

## **Romania Orphanage Support**

Thank you for the contributions at Christmas which raised over £400. To continue to support Libra I am collecting printer cartridges and old mobile phones. If you have any spare please send them to me via the office. If you are interested in Libra please look at their website. It may be that as your child moves to secondary school they may well want to support the Roma community or the orphanage at Onesti. Year 3 will be writing letters to our link school in Onesti this term.

## **Free Springboard/Highboard Diving 'Taster' sessions**

30 January and 5 February  
Youngsters aged 6 - 13 years who are competent.

For more information email call 023 8072 0922.

## **Congratulations**

To Miss Hocking on her engagement.