

NEWSLETTER

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IT'S THE START OF THE SPRING TERM SO TIME FOR COFFEE MORNINGS AND AFTERNOON TEAS!

We are in the process of scheduling times when parents and carers are cordially invited to come in and meet the teachers to discuss the way things are developing in class. These are not one-on-ones, but time set aside to talk and share information and ideas in a relaxed setting. The dates for the Parent-Teacher meetings will be announced later in the term.

Formal invites will be forthcoming from each class, but here is the current schedule (e & o e).

Monday 1st Feb

2.30pm Hazel class

Tuesday 2nd Feb

9.00am AM Nursery

12.15pm PM Nursery

2.30pm Beech class

Thursday 4th Feb

2.30pm Willow class

Monday 8th Febr

2.30pm Reception

Tuesday 9th Feb

2.30pm Sycamore class

Thursday 11th Feb

9.00am Silver Birch class.



RECEPTION CLASS: SEPT 2010/ JAN 2011 intake

As you will know the date to make an application for a child to join Re-



ception in the next academic year has now past: that is for children born between September 2005 and August 2006.

However, the Admissions department will still accept applications up until 5th February provided that there is a good reason for the delay in making an application.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

- *Coffee mornings/ afternoon tea with teachers announced.*
- *Admissions to Reception 2010/11 closed*
- *Haiti appeal—own clothes day next Friday*
- *Breakfast Club update—there's still spaces*

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HEALTHY SCHOOLS



Healthy Schools

Through your hard work in ensuring your children were sent in with healthy snacks and packed lunches we managed to achieve the Healthy Schools mark. You'll remember that the initiative to achieve the award came originally from the School Council.

As everyone knows Healthy Eating continues to be a hot topic for everyone concerned with bringing up children healthily and, indeed, for our own sakes too. Not only are there long term benefits to children's health in eating healthily, but the types of foods and drink children consume does affect their short-term moods and attitudes: fizzy drinks and chocolate being two examples!

Recently, at school, there have been instances of too many treats, especially crisps, being included in packed lunches and being sent in as snacks. Please try to avoid these as much as possible.

School meals

It's easy to say "I don't like school dinners" and there are children who have particular dietary needs and have to have a packed lunch. But, school meals these days are healthy, nutritious and enjoyable options. They take away the hassle of choosing what to include in a lunchbox and, at £1.90, are reasonably priced. In this edition of the Newsletter our Chair of Governors, Nan Thompson, has shared her experiences of the school meal.

Mrs Moroney, chief cook and bottle washer, and her staff, Anna and Kate, makes a huge effort to ensure there is choice (beyond what would normally be expected in a school).

Please help us keep our award by supporting the healthy eating agenda in school.

FLORA

Cooking for schools

Flora margarine is running a campaign to support the delivery of Healthy Eating in the classroom. On each tub of Flora there are tokens and these have a value to the school. A large 1kg tub of margarine would be worth the equivalent of £1 to the school. Through this scheme we would be able to upgrade and replenish our cooking equipment. There's more on their website www.cookingwithschools.com.

We do a lot of food preparation and cooking with the children and it would be great to have more new equipment to support this teaching.

From the Governor's Corner By Nan Thompson

Lunches have come a long way since I was in school 30 years ago. I well remember the days of over-cooked vegetables, tough meats, and no choice.

You can imagine my delight then when I ventured in to have lunch with the children today. Elaine in the kitchen is able to provide both a meat and a vegetarian option as well as catering for special dietary needs.

Kids today were given a choice between fish and chips with peas, quiche, or jacket potato with cheese and beans. They also could choose to have salad, fresh fruit, fresh baked bread, and a pudding. All this for just £1.90!

I opted to have the jacket potato with beans and cheese, a small salad, and fruit slices. Everything was cooked to perfection and the fruit and salad were cool and crisp.

As I sat amongst the children we talked about their school lunches. Their comments were all positive. They declared the lunches to be really good. The hall was filled with happy chatter as the children ate.

Blenheim offers two meals each day for children. Breakfast club runs from 8:20 each day and offers both hot and cold options along with toast or bread and butter, and juice, milk or water to drink. My two boys have been going to breakfast club all year. They both enjoy the breakfast and the opportunity to play

Diary for the week beginning Monday 25th January

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| Monday 25th | Dance Club | 3.30-4.30pm (last sessions) |
| Tuesday 26th | | |
| Wednesday 27th | KS1 Basketball Club | 8.00-8.45am (+Breakfast) |
| | Spinnaker Assembly | 9.05am |
| | School Prom rehearsal | 1.00pm (at Leeson's) |
| | KS2 Basketball | 3.20-4.30pm |
| | Spanish Club (yrs 1&2) | 3.15-4.00pm |
| Thursday 28th | Attendance surgeries | 9.00am |
| | Swimming for Years 2 & 5 | |
| | Lacrosse | 3.20-4.15pm |
| Friday 29th | Table Tennis | 8.00-8.45am (+Breakfast) |
| | Tag Rugby Yrs 5 & 6 | Lunchtime |

CLASS OF THE WEEK, HOUSE OF THE WEEK AND STARS OF THE WEEK
FOR THE WEEK BEGINNING 18TH JANUARY 2010

House of the Week: **LEEDS**

Class of the Week: **SILVER BIRCH**

"SPIKE" Class of the Week:

"Always Here" raffle: **Roll-over**

This week's Stars of the Week for the week beginning 18th January are as follows: -

Holly class: **All of Reception for the wonderful assembly on Wednesday**

Willow **RONNIE CAYLESS, POPPY PREECE**

Beech **TOM ECOTT, NITYA JAIN**

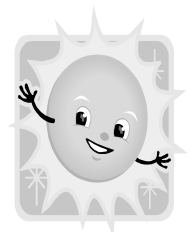
Silver Birch **TONY NGOUNOU, LEWIS HOBDEN**

Hazel **ELLE FISHER, KEIRA McLEOD**

Sycamore **ÇAN BEYAZ, KOREN MORLING**

Congratulations to each and every one of them!

WHO'S
WON
STAR OF
THE WEEK
THIS
WEEK?"



From the Governor's Corner By *Nan Thompson etnd*

with friends for a bit before heading to class.

If you are a bit rushed in getting your children fed a healthy breakfast and off for school each day, consider having them eat their breakfast at school. It's a win/win option for you and your kids.

We know so much these days about the necessity of giving wholesome, nutritious food for our children. It is good to see that our school is such a positive force in providing for their nutritional needs as well.

My thanks to those parents who have expressed an interest in becoming parent governors. If you would like to be a governor or are just curious about what governors do, feel free to speak to me at school or send me an email at chair@blenheim.bromley.sch.uk.

Good weekend! Nan Thompson

Reception Sept 2010/Jan 2011 intake

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Where there is not a good reason, unfortunately, these late applications will not be considered until after 18th March.

There is great demand for places in Primary schools generally in Bromley—most schools were oversubscribed this time round—so, please make sure your application has been made.

If you have any queries you can either ask at the school's Office or contact the Admissions team at the Civic Centre directly on 020 8313 4037.



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How do you like the new
format Newsletter? Please
let us know, feedback is
always welcome.

CHALLENGING OURSELVES TODAY...
TO SUCCEED TOMORROW

Haiti Appeal

On Friday 29th January we want to have a non-uniform day in support of the aid effort currently being undertaken in Haiti.

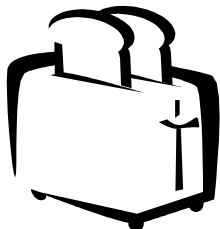
We would like to ask you make some sort of financial donation—£1 per child would be wonderful, but, please, whatever you can afford would be very generous and kindly received.



BREAKFAST CLUB

As you all know, Breakfast Club runs every day and is free. It offers either a hot or cold breakfast with both being served with toast or bread and butter and juice, milk or water. There are now some 35 children attending daily enjoying what's on offer. It is a great start to the school day and we hope it offers to take some of the hassle out of early mornings at home.

We are pleased to be able to announce that Breakfast Club will continue to be offered free throughout this term; that's until Easter!



There are now only 5 spaces left. If you want your child to enjoy what's on offer, please sign your child up now.

Breakfast Club runs every day from 8.20am and is free of charge

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Joshua Ennis and Zawa Livingstone on 26th January.



**James Oakes and
Liam Ruler on
23th January**



And nearly finally.....

If you do have any queries or concerns at all, please let us know and we will do our best to address them. Kindly remember that if you would like to see your child's class teacher you must go to the Office to make an appointment. It is not always possible to accommodate wishes to see teachers in the morning when the teacher is required to be in her classroom with the children in her charge.

Alison Whiting