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Dear Parents,

Dates for your Diary

Friday 18th December

Whole School visit to Grove Theatre for 1.30pm performance of Cinderella

School Term Dates:

Friday 18th December

Break up for Christmas

Tuesday 5th January 2010

Spring term begins

Monday 15th February

Half term week begins

Thursday 1st April

Break up for Easter

Tuesday 20th April

Summer term begins

Monday 3rd May

May Day Bank Holiday

Monday 31st May

Half term week begins

Wednesday 21st July 2010

Break up for the summer holidays



FUNDRAISING

Many thanks to all of you for your generosity this term. We raised £164.24 on Jeans for Genes day and £208.23 for Children in Need. We also had an outstanding number of shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Well done everyone!

SCHOOL DINNERS

We have been informed that the price of school meals will be increased by five pence from 5th January 2010. The new price will be £1.75 per meal, £8.75 per week. Please make cheques payable to 'Eden Foodservice' as before.

INFORMATION VIA E-MAIL

We are aware that one or two parents have not been able to open documents e-mailed to them by the school office. We are now converting our letters etc. to PDF files rather than Word documents and hope that this will solve the problem.

HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

Our attendance targets are set by the Education Welfare Service and we have to adhere to them. May we remind parents who are planning next year's holidays that we are unable to authorize holidays taken during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances, such as a parent in the armed forces.

BEDFORDSHIRE EDUCATION SYSTEM

You may be aware that Bedford Borough Council recently voted in favour of a two-tier system. This applies to schools in Bedford only and does not affect those in Central Bedfordshire.

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

May we remind parents that all children should use the pedestrian footpath which passes the 4+ door at the side of the school. Children in Year 1-4 should come into school using the door by the playground steps, which is closed after the bell goes. Children should only come in the front door if they are late.

SPARE CLOTHES

We are desperately short of spare underwear for the children, especially girls. Please could you send this in to Mrs. Browning. Thank you.

POND

We have been told by the County Health & Safety department that our pond needs to be filled in. We are allowing it to empty naturally as the liner is split. We would be very grateful if any of our parents have some suitable rubble or topsoil they would be willing to donate. Please contact the school office or Mrs Barker, our Site Agent.

WATERSURE

The water company Veolia has asked us to share the following with our parents:

Help with your family's finance

WaterSure is a national scheme introduced by the Government in 2000 which allows households who are on a water meter and meet the criteria, to have their water bills capped so they don't have to worry about the amount of water they use or about the cost! To apply, you must be on a water meter and in receipt of a benefit (*means tested*) with one or both of the following conditions:

- Use more water than average because you have 3 or more children in your family
- Have a health/medical condition that means you use more water than usual

If you have answered yes to all the above, please contact Veolia Water at helpinghands@Violiawater.co.uk or 0845 769 7985.

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of all the staff, to wish you, a very happy Christmas and a happy and successful New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Shauna Dyke
Acting Headteacher

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