



# Fleetville News

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Having reviewed some of our security procedures, we would like to remind parents about arrangements for the beginning and end of the day. The gates to the small playground and to Morrisons car park will be open between 8.30am and 9am each morning. A teacher is on duty from 8.45—children arriving before this time must be accompanied by an adult. In the afternoon, the small playground and Morrisons gates will be open between 3.15pm and 3.50pm. Closing the gates at 3.50pm will ensure the safety of those children participating in after school clubs.

Over the past few months an increasingly large number of 'deliveries' for children have been arriving at the school office mid-morning. In order to reduce interruptions to lessons, these items will be retained at the office until break times when they will be distributed to classes.

Thank you for the forbearance of those of you affected by yesterday's NUT strike. We appreciate that you will have had to make arrangements at relatively short notice.

We would like to remind parents that letters and payments by cheque for the office should be sent in with your child and given to their teacher who will send them via the register tray.

Although small cash sums should be sent in in this way, large sums should be delivered directly to the office staff for verification.

Jeremy Loukes and Kathryn Ball

## Penpals handwriting scheme

We believe good handwriting is fundamental to our children's educational achievement. A flexible, fluent and legible handwriting style helps children to write with confidence and creativity. Handwriting is assessed in the year 6 SATS. We have recently begun using the *Penpals* handwriting scheme published by Cambridge University Press. This provides continuity between ourselves and the Infant School. Should you like to know more, the basic letter joins can be found on our website in the parents' leaflets section (handwriting joins).

## Dates for your Diary

5/5/08 May Day—School Closed  
12/5/08 Y6 SATs  
14/5/08 Y4 Caribbean day  
16/5/08 Y3 Alban Way Walk  
26-30/5/08 Half Term  
2/6/08 Class and Group Photos  
6/6/08 Y6 to the Hindu Temple  
11/6/08 Y6 to see Joseph at the Alban Arena  
13/6/08 Y5 Mexicolore  
27/6/08 INSET day  
23/7/08 Last day of Term

Dear Children,

4T—thank you for your assembly this morning. You gave us a chance to think about many different types of journey. It was great to see you using such a variety of creative ways to explain things to us.

As this newsletter is being written before lunch, we will write about the 'Fleetville's Got Talent' competition next week. Thank you to everyone who has taken part!

We have sent off our forms to the 'Global Campaign for Education' to show how many of us took part in the 'World's Biggest Lesson'. It was useful to spend some time thinking about how important education is. Lets hope that by taking part in the lesson, along with schools all around the world, we have managed to break the world record and reminded the world leaders about their promise to send all children to school by 2015.

Each class received their Virtual Bike Race record sheet today. The race starts on Monday, so don't forget to mark each journey that you make on the sheet. At the end of every week the class that has completed the most bike rides will get our cycling trophy. If you would like to take part in fund raising, please ask a member of the Bike It crew for a sponsorship form.

The focus for your Learning Journal comments this week is 'writing'. Try to

think of a comment about which aspects of your writing have improved. You could mention areas such as organisation, spelling, dialogue, grammar and punctuation.

Well done to all the children who took part in the football and tag rugby tournaments. You all demonstrated some great team work.

It is always great to hear about the things you have achieved outside school too. Hannah Clark will receive her Dalcroze Eurhythmics certificate on Monday as well the children whose names have already been published.

We were thinking about starting a badminton club one lunchtime each week. The coach has suggested starting with Years 5 and 6. Please let us know if you would be interested in taking part.

There are still places available at gardening club which takes place on Wednesday lunchtimes at 12:40-1:10pm and yoga classes on Tuesdays 3:30-4:30.

Next week, we will be looking at all the club plans that you have given us. It's great to see that people are so enthusiastic and want to share their interests with others.

Mr Loukes and Mrs Ball