



School Newsletter March 2011

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General School News

We have reached the half way point in the academic year and have yet again had a surprisingly successful year.

School has continued to attract new pupils at a remarkable rate and we have seen our middle junior class, which this time last year looked like only having three children, reach six children with the admission of Aliyah and Harriet in Year 4.

As the weather improves we can turn our attention to completing the external works which we commenced in the Autumn and I look forward to seeing the School Council take firm control of some of the external development projects.

Our big event this term has been the Interski trip to Pila in Aosta, Northern Italy. Everyone had a terrific time and made tremendous progress. The improvement in one week was terrific. Next year we will have several children able to start off in an intermediate group. As always the Interski organisation was excellent and our parents can be pleased, as I was that the hotel owners spoke to me on the final day

to comment that ours was the best school they had ever had from the point of view, of conduct and manners. A well deserved word of congratulations to everyone on the trip.

As parents of children in Year 6 started to receive their school allocations yesterday this is normally the start of our main recruitment phase for secondary admission.

It is really great to be back in the position where we are planning for growth and development again with school number back over 40 for September.

We have succeeded in returning our nursery into a strong growth phase and I am delighted that we have now been able to staff Before, after school and holiday Club care with a permanent member of staff. Beth has taken over in the Hoiday Club and has already made a great start re-organising the after school room. We have some good plans to develop the activity programme and organisation for Easter and Summer 2011. Watch this space!

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Pila 2011—PHOTOS and NEXT YEAR!!

Interski Photograph Download

Parents and children can download photographs that the Interski rep took of the trip from website:-

www.interskisnowshots.co.uk

Select the departure date: **12 Feb 2011** and carefully enter the 10 digit password: -

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PILA 2012?

The pupils that attended the trip this year all wanted to attend again next

year. If we book quickly we can achieve a discounted booking which is what I did last year. I have been quoted a price of £779 for the week beginning the 18th February. This is six days skiing, accommodation in the Panoramique again, and all travel and food costs etc.

The ski trip would be open to children from Year 4 upwards.

Please indicate on the form whether you would like us to consider the flight option.

Early Morning and End of Day Routines

Breakfast Club and the Start of the school day

The weather is improving and we need to get the school start and finishing arrangements a little more structures as we continue to increase in size.

Breakfast club operates between 08.00-08.30AM. Children in this club should check the Breakfast Club room or may their way straight to the dining hall for breakfast depending on the time that they arrive. Beth will take all the children into the playground at 08.30AM where she will supervise all children arriving before 08.45AM. Children arriving between 08.30AM and 08.45AM will not come into school before the bell. Beth will ring the bell at 08.45AM, line children up and escort them into classes for 08.45AM.

Children in senior school (Yr 6 upwards) are permitted to enter school between 08.30AM and 08.45AM and remain in the library of the hall.

At 3.30PM Beth will collect children in after school club from the hall and they will spend an hour completing homework and doing play activities until 4.30PM. AT 4.30PM Beth will take the children to have tea in teh dining room. Children who are booked into after school club but have been in clubs between 3.30-4.30PM will then be taken direct to the dining hall. After Tea after school will either go to their Club room or have outdoor or gardening activities until 6.00PM.

Important access and departure notice for parents

Some parents and pupils use the fire door exit down the steps into the top car park. It is important that this **is not used** as it is regularly being left unlocked. This is an unacceptable security risk and we need to prevent this happening.

By ensuring that children arrive on time they will be able to be left in the playground and so eliminate the need for this exit to be used.

Sporting Achievements and news

Apart from our Interski trip there have been many other sporting successes this year and not all are the children! Mr Marshall should be congratulated for achieving a Team Gold Medal at the Commonwealth Games.

In Year 6 Adam has continued to compete in his swimming at the highest regional level and has achieved yet another personal best. Adam is training six days a week and continues to make excellent progress.

James in Year 2 has won a Go-Carting competition this half term and brought his stunning trophy to show the class.

Ryan in Year 6 has also been competing at county level in his Judo competitions and will have a bright future in this sport.

A number of our children are making terrific progress with their fencing and are attending the Fencing Club. Parents can pick up the club twitter account at 'rivingtonp' for club information and updates. We have had Channel 4 film cameras at the club this week as one of our disabled fencers is subject to a documentary as he prepares for the Paralympic games.

Congratulations to Emily for qualifying for the European Championships in Klagenfurt, Austria.

Egg Competition and Easter Egg Hunt—Last Day of Term

On the last day of term any pupil may enter a decorated egg/ eggs for judges to 'eggsamine'. There is a charge of £1 per entry for the school council funds. Please write the pupil name on the bottom of the submission so that it cant be

seen while judging.

Primary children will be able to join in an Easter Egg hunt around the grounds. There is no charge for this. Non-Uniform will be required on the last day of term.

I would like to book a place for my child to attend the 2012 Pila Ski trip :..... (Pupil Name).

I enclose a non refundable deposit cheque for £125 made payable to Rivington Park. I understand that the current price for the trip is £779 per person but that Interski reserves the right to vary this if circumstances beyond their control make it necessary to do so.

The proposed date of the trip would be from 18th February 2012.

Signed:..... Parent/ Carer

Date:.....

I **would/ would not** * be prepared to pay a surcharge of approximately £150 for the children to fly instead of travel by coach.

*delete as appropriate. Please understand that this would mean that we would have to book for the week of 4th February and use a different hotel (The Roma) within walking distance (approx. 10 minutes) of the hire facilities and town centre.

