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FROM MR BULLARD HEADTEACHER



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No Special Awards this week

SCHOOL CLOSED

TOMORROW

staff training (INSET).

E-safety Meeting

Don't forget that we are holding a Parents' Information Evening on E-safety this evening in the Hall at 7.00pm - please come along if you can. There are other sessions coming up so please look at the dates overleaf.

GOVERNOR ELECTIONS

CLOSING DATE FOR RETURNING BALLOT PAPERS -

Noon 9th February 2012

Missing Scooter

Lime Green G bug scooter has gone missing- please return to school if you have taken it home by mistake. It is named!

January has seemed a very long month yet suddenly we are only a week away from the end of Term 3. It was lovely to have a sprinkling of snow on Monday morning to start the week- just enough really! However it has been bitterly cold since so can you please ensure that your children have warm enough clothes, particularly gloves when they come to school.

There has been some great work going on around school; I saw some amazing planet models in Year 5, whilst Year 6 had a visit from John Yabsley of the RNLI who was talking about, amongst other things, how to keep safe. 6T have also had a couple of parents in today to talk about Japanese life and culture to enrich the Shima topic work.

Reception held their Chinese New Year assembly on Tuesday which was very enjoyable and 2O spent a morning at the Ralph Allen gymnastics festival. You can find out more about your child's learning by logging onto our website and clicking on the Key Stage icons.

On the next page there is lots of information from the PTA. The AGM was held last week and there are lots of things in the pipeline. I'd like to say a big thank you to Heidi Paul and Helen Mattock who have stepped down as co-chairs having done a marvellous job. Thank you too to the equally marvellous Mel Gwilliam and Kate Morton who are continuing for another year as Secretary and Treasurer.

Orchestral Day at Monkton Prep

18 instrumental players went to Monkton Prep for a fantastic musical day along with children from several other schools. They played 4 spirituals in a mass orchestra from scratch in about 40 minutes flat! After home-made cookies and a drink they went into sections to continue their rehearsals. Next they played different instruments, learnt a new piece. The Monkton Big Band played in the afternoon—always a delight and a really high standard! The children were, as ever, a credit to the school both in their playing and their behaviour—well done! Ms Paterson



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GENERAL NOTICES

Upcoming Dates and Events

February

Tonight!	ICT Safety Info Eve, 7.00pm
Fri 3	INSET DAY
Tues 7	Reading in Reception Info Evening, 7.00pm
Thurs 9	Disco KS1 5.00-6.00 KS2 6.30-7.30
Fri 10	End of Term 3
Tues 21	Reading in KS1 Info Evening 3.30pm Reading in KS2 Info Evening 5.30pm
Tues 21	PTA Boden Event 3.15 - 7.00pm in Hall Foyer

Class Photos

Photographer will be in school on 6th March to take class photographs.

PTA NEWS

CLOTHES FOR A CAUSE

Thank you to everyone who donated their unwanted clothes for recycling and raised £115 for the school in return!

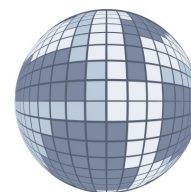
PTA AGM

We had a great turn out for the AGM last week which must have been something to do with the promise of cheese and wine! But nonetheless we were very sorry to see Heidi Richards and Helen Mattock step down as co-chairs and welcomed back **Nicola Griffin** along with **Jen Walton** who stepped into their shoes. Both **Kate Morton** and **Melanie Gwilliam** have stayed on in their roles as treasurer and secretary respectively and we have also been joined by **Lisa Barnes** as assistant treasurer and **Paula Hawkins** as Arts Projects Co-ordinator. We are already up and running and planning great things for the coming year with a barn dance, children's Easter event, events to celebrate the jubilee and Olympics along with our old favourites like the summer fair, disco, film nights to mention a few. Please let us know if you have any other suggestions, we are always open to new ideas. The next general PTA meeting will be on Thursday 8th March with everyone welcome.

Children's Disco, Thursday 9th February 2012
Reception and KS1 5.00—6.00pm
KS2 6.30—7.30pm

Come along and show your friends your dancing skills!

Tickets will go on sale outside the Hall Foyer after school from Wednesday 1st February, but they can also be purchased on the door. Ticket price is **£3.00**, which includes a drink and a packet of crisps. Volunteers are always needed to help make sure it runs smoothly on the night - please e-mail us if you are free and would like to help: combedownpta@gmail.com. Many thanks.



BODEN EVENT—Tuesday 21st February 3.15 - 7.00pm

Please come along for an opportunity to try on or see a selection of Boden clothes before you buy. **20% off** all orders on the night with all proceeds going to the school

Letters home this week. Please check your child's book bag for:

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