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The Newsletter of Etonbury Middle School

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REMINDER FIRST

PARENTS' EVENINGS

As parents should already know from our letter last Friday, the first of this year's parents' consultation meetings will be held on **Thursday 1st October - Yrs 5&6 3.00-6.00pm** and **Wednesday 7th October - Yrs 7&8 4.00-6.00pm**.

This initial meeting will be as informal as possible, although private appointments can be made, and is an ideal opportunity for you to meet with your child's new form teacher. Teaching staff from the relevant year groups will be available on the afternoon/early evening, along with members of the senior management team, to join you for a cup of tea or coffee.

Invitation letters and reminders will be sent home in plenty of time but please make a note in your diary now.

We look forward to meeting as many parents as possible!



Final Merit Mark Totals Summer Term 2009

Carters	519
Foresters	493
Saddlers	470
Thatchers	462



WELCOME



We extend a very warm welcome to all our new readers. This newsletter is published approximately every three weeks, during term time, and it is perhaps the most important method of communicating with our parents and the wider community. We extend a particular welcome to our new year 5 parents and pupils and members of staff - Miss Darby (Yr5 Class Teacher, Maths/Science) and Ms Paterson who joins us in the school office.

Governors and staff look forward to a very successful year and hope that all parents can feel actively involved with the school.

You can also find us on the WEB

WWW Etonbury has its own extensive WEBSITE where you will find all the information you need to keep in touch with school events and information. We are currently in the process of updating the site and we hope that you will soon be able to find this newsletter (ECHO), and much more information at the click of a mouse!

Our WEB address is www.etonbury.com our e-mail address is: admin@etonbury.com



We have again been informed by the police that the **parking and speed restrictions outside school will be rigorously enforced!**

In order to assist parents, the new owners of the **Fox and Duck** have kindly given permission for parents to park on their premises when collecting children (*at their own risk*).

We would like to thank the owners of the Fox and Duck for their co-operation and support.



MINI BUS Update

FORD has informed us that our new minibus is currently on the production-line in Holland and will soon be delivered to the UK!



Lost Property

If your son or daughter has unfortunately lost anything already this term, please remind them to check lost property in the reception area. *Better still, if all items (uniform) are named, they can be returned to the rightful owner as soon as possible!*

IF ANY PARENTS ARE INTERESTED IN OPERATING A USED UNIFORM AND UNCLAIMED PROPERTY SALE PLEASE CONTACT MRS TURGOOSE IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Etonbury Association AGM

Monday 14th Sept.

6.00pm

Staff Room

All parents welcome (see over)!

Name

Form

Dates for Your Diary this Term

Sept	14th	Etonbury Association AGM
Sept	17th	School Photographs
Sept	23rd	Book Fair
Oct	1st	Years 5 and 6 Parents' Consultation
Oct	2/6	Yr7 Duxford Trip
Oct	7th	Years 7 and 8 Parents' Consultation
Oct	20th	Healthy Lifestyles Day
Oct	26th	Half Term Week
Nov	2nd	Training Day (school closed)
Nov	16th	Anti-Bullying Week
Nov	19th	Etonbury Open Evening
Dec	11th	Christmas Market

More dates and further details to follow in due course - watch this space!



Etonbury Association

Etonbury Association is the name of the school's PTA which is the fund-raising body working on behalf of the children and staff to provide additional equipment and facilities at the school. The object of the Association is to support the education of pupils in the school and in pursuing this objective we strive to develop more extended relationships between the staff, parents and others associated with the school. The Association provides and assists in the provision of such facilities or items for education at the school in consultation with the staff.

"Membership" to the Association is **automatic** and open to parents/guardians of pupils attending the school and teachers. Membership can also include past parents, grandparents, friends of the school, ancillary staff and governors. It is **not** a closed group and anybody can become involved to whatever degree they desire - from being a committee member, helping run fund-raising events, to participating and supporting the many activities organised throughout the year. As a registered charity, we are committed to raise money for the benefit of our children. Any involvement therefore benefits the children of Etonbury Middle School.

How can you help? Perhaps like many of us, your spare time is at a premium - but volunteering your services to help the committee on the days we run events would help enormously. If not - don't worry, please support us by attending events as we run them. Every pound we raise goes towards the school.

We look forward to your support and hope you can attend our functions.

Mobile Phones

Whilst we are fully aware of parental concerns regarding pupil safety, may we remind you that mobile phones should **not** be brought in to school. **If however there is an exceptional genuine reason for bringing in a phone, pupils must leave them in the school office** (although we will not accept responsibility for them). **In an emergency, parents/pupils can of course be contacted through the school office in the usual way.**



Letters parents **should have** received so far this term!

Sept. 4th Welcome from Headteacher

Sept 7th Year 7 Duxford Trip Information

*If parents have not received these letters please check at the bottom of school bags or contact the office for a further copy. **NB Letters are normally sent home on a Friday!***

General Reminders to Parents

- Please make sure all uniform is clearly named to make it easy to return if lost.
- Dinner money is required each day if your child purchases a school meal but can be paid in advance.
- If your child is absent for any reason, a written explanation should be sent to school when he/she returns, or the absence could be recorded as unauthorised.
- If you change your telephone number or contact details, please inform the school, just in case we need to contact you in an emergency!
- Children cycling to school should be 11+ and have undertaken bikeability training.

Please contact the school office for a mutually convenient appointment with your child's form teacher if you have any concerns regarding their education and please tell us about anything that might affect their performance. And finally - please don't forget - all members of staff here at Etonbury are willing to help you in any way that we can, you do not have to wait for a parents' evening.

Music Dept.

Instrumental Lessons - If your child is interested in having instrumental lessons, particularly woodwind lessons (flute, clarinet, saxophone) please contact Miss Barnett for further details. Costs are approx. £70 per term for shared lessons or £101 for individual tuition (Bedfordshire Music Service).

Congratulations to: Mollie Bentley-Rowe (Grade 2 Cello); Fabio Barone (Grade 1 Alto Saxophone - Dist.); and Paige Welsby (Grade 2 Singing) - who have recently been awarded their Music Certificates

SCHOOL TERM DATES 2009/2010

Autumn Term

Starts Thursday 3 September 2009

Ends Friday 18 December 2009

Half Term W/b 26 October 2009

Spring Term:

Starts Tuesday 5 January 2010

Ends Thursday 1st April 2010

Half Term W/b 15 February 2010

Summer Term

Starts Tuesday 20 April 2010

Ends Wednesday 21 July 2010

Half Term W/b Monday 31 May 2010
(May Day Monday 3 May 2010)

The school will also be closed on Monday 2nd November for staff training.

Situations Vacant

Cleaner

4.00 - 6.30pm

3 days per week

Kitchen Assistant (Eden Foods)

General Duties (18+hrs)

Further details can be obtained by contacting the school office

Please help us maintain standards by ensuring your child is always in full school uniform.