

Wonder Wall Question

*How could a fire-breathing dragon be useful to us?*

**Free School Meal Applications for September 2013**

If you are in receipt of free school meals and milk you do not need to make another application for the next school year as it will be done automatically. Following the automated renewals, families who no longer appear to qualify will be advised by letter that their free school meals will cease at the end of this term (24<sup>th</sup> July 2013). If you receive a letter and you feel that you should still be entitled to free meals and milk you can make a new application and further checks will be carried out. If you do not receive a letter you can assume that your child will continue to receive free school meals for the next academic year. If you are not in receipt of free school meals at the moment and would like to apply go to [www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals) or phone 0300 123 4048. You can also apply via smatphone, DigiTV and Wii/Xbox/PS3 - more details from the school office.

**Sainsburys Fairtrade Ambassadors**

On Wednesday three Fair Trade Ambassadors from the local Sainsbury store visited our children for the morning. With a supply of bananas, chocolates, colouring pens and paper they talked to the children about fair trade, explaining how paying a fair price for bananas helps the people from countries such as St. Lucia pay for things like housing, hospitals, schools and computers. Each class had a colouring competition for the neatest colouring in of the fair trade logo.

**Road & Pedestrian Safety Petition**

You will have heard that one of our children was involved in a road accident last Friday on his way to school. I am pleased to be able to tell you that he has made a good recovery and is back in school. The parents of the child involved, (and others who were at the scene of the accident), feel that safety measures for pedestrians and drivers along North Approach could be improved and have started a petition to try and get Watford Borough Council to make some changes. If you would like to sign the petition there will be one in each classroom until half term for you to pop in and sign at the end of the day

**Swimming Lessons**

There will be no charge for swimming lessons this year; the Governors have decided to allocate part of our pupil premium funding to pay for swimming lessons and the use of the pool.

Thank you to those of you who have volunteered to help with swimming lessons next half term. We still need lots more help. *The table below shows where we need help most - please volunteer if you can, the children really enjoy the swimming lessons and we can't run the lessons without your help!*

TUESDAY				THURSDAY			
		In Water	Pool side			In Water	Pool side
9.20 – 10.00	Yellow Class	0	4	9.20 – 10.00	Orange Class	1	2
10.00 – 10.40	Green Class	0	2	10.00 – 10.40	Purple Class	0	1
10.40 – 11.20	Red or Orange	1 (0)	1	10.40 – 11.20	White Class	0	2
11.20 – 12.00	Orange or Red	1(0)	0	11.20 – 12.00	Red Class		
LUNCH BREAK				LUNCH BREAK			
1.40 – 2.20	Blue Class	1	1	1.00 – 2.00	Green Class	0	1
				2.00 – 3.00	Yellow Class	0	1

**Scooters and Bicycles**

Please remember to dismount from scooters and bicycles at the school gates in Ross Crescent and Briar Road. Scooters and cycles should be walked along pathways to the cycle shelter. Thank you.

**Behaviour in Playground Before and After School**

The door of our new playhouse has been damaged this week. Please would you make sure that all children demonstrate the same excellent standard of behaviour before and after school that we see in and around school during the day. All the playground apparatus is strictly for the use of our children during the school day only.

## Headlice and Worms

Once again we have heard of a couple cases of head lice and worms this week. Please check your child over the weekend and treat as necessary. We have a DVD in school giving information about head lice and how to treat using the mechanical and chemical methods, contact the school office if you would like to borrow it. Medication advice for worms can be obtained from your local pharmacy or GP's Surgery.

## Attendance

Attendance for week beginning 29<sup>th</sup> April 2013. Late arrivals will be marked as unauthorised absence.

*If your child arrives after 8.55 am please sign them in at the school office.*

ORANGE	87.9%	RED	93.5%
GREEN	95.7%	YELLOW	93.3%
PURPLE	88.6%	BLUE	92.9%
		WHITE	96.0%

*Excellent White Class! 😊*

## Year 2 Transition Visits to Kingsway Junior School

The planned year 2 visits to Kingsway Junior School have been postponed until July. Unfortunately the dates clashed with SAT's at the junior school. Starting after half term year 2 children will take it in turns to visit the junior school for lunch and Miss Sherry has lots of ideas to help make the transition from infant to junior school go smoothly. I will let you know the new dates for visits as soon as they become available.

*Caroline T-Walmsley*

Headteacher

<b>Reminder - £3.00 summer term school fund - cash, cheque or wisePAY</b>		
SENT OUT THIS WEEK		
Meal Order Forms	Swimming Info Letter	Accident Letter

<u>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</u>	
<b>MAY</b>	
20-24/05/13	SCIENCE WEEK
22/05/13	Forensic Science Day
	Yr 1 Intra School Competition
23/05/12	Science Carousel
27-31/05/13	<b>HALF TERM BREAK</b>
04/06/13	Swimming Starts
05/06/13	Yr 2 Intra School Competition
14/06/13	Non-Uniform Day - Bottles/Tombola or £1
19/06/13	Yr 2 Gullivers Theme Park
21/06/13	Non-Uniform Day - Jazzy jars
<b>JULY</b>	
05/07/13	Yr1 visit Whipsnade Zoo
03/07/13	Reception visit Paradise Wildlife Park
05/07/13	School Reports sent out
06/07/13	Summer Fair 12.00 pm - 3.00 pm
10/07/13	Open Evening 5.00 - 6.00 pm & Year 2 Show 6.00-7.00 p.m.
11/07/13	End of Year Disco - Whole School 5-6 pm
12/07/13	Sports Day - 9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.
18/07/13	Reserve Sports Day 9.30 a.m. - 11.30 a.m. (only if sports day not taken place 12/07)
19/07/13	End of Term for Children- <b>School finishes early at 1.30pm</b>
22/07/13	INSET DAY - school closed for children
23/07/13	INSET DAY - school closed for children
24/07/13	OCCASIONAL DAY - school closed