



Horsmonden Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Year 5 have been looking decidedly exhausted in the latter part of the week, due entirely to their exploits at **Gaveston Hall**. Huge thanks to Miss Dunn, Mrs Taylor, Mr Coleman, Grant Leslie, Sandy Elsworth and Mark Turner for their time and enthusiasm in making the trip a very special experience for the children. It's also important to recognise that like any other trip, it only becomes a really special experience because the children behave in a way that allows everybody to have more fun. Year 5 showed the very best of themselves throughout the experience and the weather defied the forecast with sun breaking through when downpours had been predicted.

Next week starts with smartness when our **school photographer** will be in to take the class and team photos. We certainly caused a stir last year with a whole new style that you and your children really liked and this year we'll be doing something similar allowing your children to show their character with their classmates.

We will end the week decidedly less smart with a non-uniform day in aid of **Milton**, a boy in Colombia sponsored by Quest Club. If your child wants to come in their own clothes, they need to be accompanied by a £1 coin which will give hopes and opportunities that would otherwise not be there.

You may be aware that a number of the children's toilets now have new **hand-wash** dispensers. This isn't a knee-jerk panic response to the threat of swine flu, but we do get a lot of bugs during the course of the year and this is one way in which we can protect your children from infection. We're trialling them in all the infant toilets and in the children's entrance, so we'll keep an eye on the registers and see if there's a difference in our already excellent attendance rates.

It's the time of year when rumour starts to run rife regarding **staffing** for the following September! I try to keep an ear out to find out what I'll be doing, but at this stage in the term there are still final arrangements to put in place. We will publish full staffing details at the parent consultation evenings in June, up to which point and beyond it's really important to make the very best of every opportunity this year rather than be too heavily focused on what comes next.

Do you have any **unwanted old tiles**? If you do, Year 4 would like to use them for making mosaics, so please clear out the clutter and take them straight in.

Horsmonden Tennis Club is currently running a **beginners' tennis** coaching session for a younger age group (Reception and Year 1) between 9.15am and 10.00am on Saturday mornings. For more details contact Zane Cheeseman, 07932 573888, or Ken Mills, 01892 722980.

And finally... Next Thursday, 21st May, there will be a plant sale and ice cream stall under the sail shades outside Yr 3 & 4 classrooms immediately after school in aid of the Friends Association. You don't have to look far round the school to see the impact of FoHPS in providing extras for your children so it's a really good reason to show support on the afternoon.

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm E. Hayes
Headmaster

Attachments:
Information about the Village Pet Show;
A sports course leaflet;
A nearly new sales leaflet
2 Premier Sports leaflets

