

Newsletter February 2012

Creative Learning Journeys

The school has enjoyed learning about different countries of the world in their term 3 CLJ topics.

Year 2 – Australia

Year 3 – Mexico

Year 4 – South Africa

Year 5 – India

Year 6 – Native Americans



We have had some fantastic visitors to the school to enhance the children's learning, complete with 20ft tipi in the school hall and a Mexican band. The children have also enjoyed the opportunity to dress up and sample native foods.

We hope that parents have enjoyed the opportunity to come into school to see the various CLJ showcases which the children have worked so hard on.

Email service

The school is now trialing an email system which enables us to email you communications (such as this newsletter!) If you have not already done so, please send an email with your child's name as the subject to dee.stacey@iwade.kent.sch.uk

Electronic Payments



The school will also shortly start a trial of an electronic payment system for fees such as clubs and trips. Watch out for texts shortly with an option to make on-line payments via credit or debit card or paypal.

School dinners can continue to be paid online at <http://pay.edenfoodservice.co.uk>

The minimum online payment is £11 (5 days), but it is not necessary to specify which days you are paying for – we will allocate payments each time your child has a school dinner. If your child only has school dinners on a Friday for example, it is possible to make a payment of £13.20 to cover the entire term. No more searching for the correct change on a Friday morning!

Sittingbourne News Extra

This new publication from the Kent Messenger has been very supportive of school events, with several articles and photographs this month which we hope you have enjoyed seeing. We always try to put copies of any articles featuring the school on the outdoor noticeboard by the reception area.



Great Ormond Street Hospital Assembly and Sponsorship



Many thanks to all those that supported the Great Ormond Street sponsorship campaign. We will let you know the total raised as soon as we are notified by Great Ormond Street.

Our Christmas collections at the Nativity services raised £168.05 for Great Ormond Street

Sporting Activity

Congratulations to the Year 3 & 4 Athletic Team that represented the school at the interschool Sportshall Athletics tournament, held at Swallows Leisure Centre – they won bronze with every child coming back to school with a medal. An excellent performance!



Congratulations also to the year 5&6 football team who recently competed in the schools tournament held at the UK Paper ground. The team played very well. Unfortunately they didn't progress to the second round, even though they didn't lose a game!

Bring a Parent to School

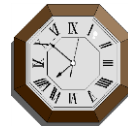
The opportunity for parents to spend time in their child's classroom has been well received this term by year 4 & 6 parents. Please return your feedback form to the school if you have not already done so.

Questionnaire Feedback

We welcome any feedback from the results of the questionnaire issued at the end of the term.

Reminder

The school doors open at 8.30 for pupils to go to their classrooms in readiness for a prompt start at 8.50am. The doors will then be closed and parents must take their child into school via the office entrance where they will be asked to sign them in. This enables the school to monitor persistent late arrivals. If your child is absent for any reason, the school must be informed before 9am. Appointment times should also be notified to the school in advance.



We are on facebook!

Iwade School is now on facebook. Please request to join the group "Iwade School Parents Page"



Mental Maths Workshops

Thank you to those that attended the mental maths workshops delivered by Mrs Roberts. We hope that you found them useful.

Parent / Teacher consultations

Reminder that these will be taking place on Tuesday 28th February and Thursday 1st March.

Long Hair

Reminder that long hair must always be tied up for school – this applies to boys and girls.



Parking

When parking outside the school please consider the children crossing the road, other road users and local residents as thoughtless and inconsiderate parking puts our children at risk and inconveniences others.