

Headteacher's Letter

April 2015

Dear Parent

As we come to the end of the Spring Term we look back on another very busy term. Staff and pupils have been working hard, with Year 11 pupils getting ready for their fast approaching GCSE examinations and the forecast for their results looking very positive at this stage. They are not alone, however, with Year 9 pupils also sitting annual examinations before they begin to make their GCSE curriculum choices for Key Stage 4. Next term will see Years 7, 8 and 10 pupils preparing for their annual examinations. We are grateful for all the support you will give your child at home to prepare and revise fully for these examinations.

During this term there has also been many activities and events organised to enhance our pupils' learning and encourage them to participate fully in school life. I firmly believe that if pupils enjoy coming to school they will achieve success and am very grateful to lead a staff who are so committed to this belief as well. If you have not recently looked at our **school website** I would encourage you to do so to read more of our latest news and to view our **Spring Newsletter** due to be posted on it this week. This is full of the many activities, both in and outside the classroom, our pupils and staff have taken part in this term.

I was delighted on Saturday 28th March to attend a concert held at our school to raise funds for the Alex Lewis Trust. This was hosted by the Romsey Male Voice Choir who provided a very enjoyable evening of entertainment. For me, however, the highlights were the performances by our own pupils – any who attended could not fail to be impressed by their talents and confidence as singers and musicians representing our school. It was wonderful to be there and I thank Mrs Leyman (Head of Music) for all her hard work and enthusiasm to ensure they performed at such a high standard.

StockFest from 3.30pm on Friday May 1st

On Friday 1st May we look forward to our annual celebration of talent across our school community with the return of Stockfest. This will be the seventh year of this event and every year gets better! As well as a variety of performances on the main stage there will be refreshments and a number of stalls run by pupils, staff and our PTA. Any parents who are able to help run the barbeque with the PTA would be very much welcomed and are asked to contact the Chair of the PTA: denice.wareham@btinternet.com

All funds raised are divided between chosen charities and a school project. Last year our much-loved school farm benefitted from this event. We hope many pupils will join us and to encourage them we have made this day a non-uniform day (at no cost!) so they can come ready to go on to StockFest at 3.30pm. We would also be delighted if you and your family are able to join us as well. Tickets will be on sale soon.

Diary Dates:

Monday 20 April 2015	Summer Term commences for pupils
Tuesday 21 April 2015	Year 8 Parents' Information Evening 6.00-8.00pm
Friday 1 May 2015	StockFest 7
Monday 4 May 2015	School closed Bank Holiday
Monday 11 May 2015	GCSE Examinations commence Year 8 Examinations commence
Friday 22 May 2015	Year 8 Examinations end School closes to pupils for half-term
Monday 1 June 2015	School re-opens to pupils Year 7 Examinations commence
Monday 8 June 2015	Year 10 Examinations commence
Friday 12 June 2015	Year 7 Examinations end
Wednesday 17 June 2015	Year 10 Examinations end
Friday 19 June 2015	Year 8 Pupil Monitoring Data and Reports published to parents
Tuesday 23 June 2015	GCSE Examinations end
Friday 26 June 2015	STAFF INSET: School closed to pupils
Monday 29 June 2015	New Intake Parents' Evening
Tuesday 30 June 2015	New Year 7 Induction Day
Friday 3 July 2015	Year 7 Pupil Monitoring data and Reports published to parents Year 10 Pupil Monitoring data published to parents
Monday 6 July 2015	Activities Week commences
Friday 17 July 2015	Years 9 Pupil Monitoring data published to parents
Wednesday 22 July 2015	Celebration Assemblies End of Summer Term

Looking Ahead to 2015 – 2016:

I am able to confirm the dates for the start of the Autumn Term as follows:

Tuesday September 1st: Staff Training Day

Wednesday September 2nd: Year 7 start school

Thursday September 3rd: Years 8-11 return to school

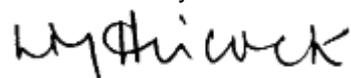
I would ask if you are planning to purchase any new items of uniform for your child between now and September that you check the items meet our uniform code as detailed on the school website. In particular with regard to the style of school trousers and skirts accepted, including expected length of skirts. If you have any queries do not hesitate to contact us before purchasing new items.

Staff News:

Mr Fenton (Assistant Headteacher) and Mrs Chesters (Technician) are sadly leaving us at the end of this term and we send them very best wishes for the future. We congratulate Mr Fenton on his well-deserved promotion to a deputy headship.

Finally, I take this opportunity to wish you a happy Easter holidays and a reminder that school reopens to all pupils on Monday April 20th at 8.50am.

Yours sincerely



L Hiscock (Miss)

Headteacher