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NEWSLETTER

Targets - By now parents of children in years 4, 5, 6 will have received your child's Learning Objectives for this term. Year 3's Learning Objectives will be given out **after half term** after various assessments have been completed. We hope you find the targets useful and help you understand what your child is expected to achieve and what topics they will be covering this term.

Parking in the Local Area. - A number of neighbours have once again had issues with parent's parking. We have even had incidences of people parking in Disabled Parking bays! Our neighbours are very patient and supportive but have asked us to remind parents to be considerate to local residents when parking. Thank you in anticipation.

Class 6M Assembly - Reminder that it will be class 6M's assembly **next Friday 14th October at 9.15 am**. We look forward to seeing all parents/carers who are able to attend.

School Council Training- School Councillors and Shadow Councillors really enjoyed their training day last Wednesday. They went to the town hall in the morning where they met The Lord Mayor of Liverpool, other Liverpool councillors and an MP! In the afternoon they returned to school and Mrs Morris helped them find out about the role of School Councillors including the qualities needed to become a successful School Councillor as well as the responsibilities it entails. I am sure the children will thoroughly enjoy all the forthcoming meetings and events and having such a high profile in our school. Well done!

Children's Parliament - On Monday two children, Matthew Potts and Jade Allen, will be representing our School Council at the Schools' Parliament at the Town Hall. We look forward to hearing how they got on next week.

Lord Mayor's Civic Service- On Thursday, 10 of our children who are involved with the School Council attended the Lord Mayor's Civic Service at the Anglican Cathedral. This was a happy and colourful occasion and the children watched children from many schools perform art and dance. They also joined a procession and met with the Lord Mayor, and other civic and ecumenical leaders. The children said that they really enjoyed the experience as well as making their presence noticed by carrying our Rice Lane School Banner. A huge 'thank you' to Mrs Mattocks and Mrs Carter for taking the children, and again to Mrs Carter for helping the children make the banner.

Gardening club visit to Orrell Park Station - Just a reminder that the Gardening Club are making hanging baskets at Orrell Park Station this Tuesday, 3.35-4.30. All children must bring a signed permission slip in order to go

Help for Heroes - Next Friday 14th October we are holding a special writing event for children to support the charity 'Help for Heroes.' **This will not involve any donations by parents.** The school will send a £100 donation from our school funds. All we ask is that parents support their children by helping with "talk" homework entitled 'Who is my hero and why?', the children could research the person they have chosen if they want. They will use this talk homework on Friday to write about their hero. The best pieces of writing, one per class, will receive a prize. Thank you in advance for your support.

Year 3 'Breakfast with the Staff' - It was really lovely to meet so many parents informally at our breakfasts this week. I hope you also enjoyed and found the mornings useful. Look out for our 'Walk to School Week' next week for another opportunity for an extra breakfast on one day.



Year 6 Pensarn Trip - The first of the two year 6 groups have returned from their trip to the CMC Pensarn Harbour. The trip was a tremendous success. Trips like this are really good for the children's self confidence and are an invaluable 'bonding' experience. The children took part in a host of activities that were both fun and challenging, and required a great deal of teamwork. The children returned excited and proud of all they had achieved. We look forward to hearing from the second group who return this afternoon. I would like to thank those staff members who accompanied the children: Mrs Carter, Miss Wynne and especially Mr Harvey who headed the team, staying at the camp all week. A special 'thank you' to Dave Willis, parent governor, who gave up his time to go on the first trip, and last but not least, another special 'thank you' to our own Mr Ledsham who accompanied the second group- I'm sure we'll hear about how much he enjoyed being with the children when he returns tonight!

Walk to School Week 10-14th October - As previously mentioned, it is **WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK** next week. The initiative is run by the Children's Services and aims to encourage all parents when bringing their children to school to **take the healthier option** and walk (or at least walk part of the way) if at all possible. The week will begin with a special assembly on Monday to promote the week. During this 'Walk to School Week', we will be offering **hot buttered toast and a drink** to anyone (*child and /or parent*) who makes a concerted effort to walk to school. This will be open to **Year 3 on Tuesday, Year 4 on Wednesday, Year 5 on Thursday and Year 6 on Friday**. The children will take part in a school survey during this week and the class with the best record of walking to school will be awarded the very prestigious **Golden Shoe!!!**

Clothes Recycling - Advance notice. Once again, in conjunction with the Infant School, a Clothes Recycling pick-up has been arranged for **Thursday 19th October**. Please have a sort out at home between now and then but don't bring donations to school until the 19th. Any unwanted clothes/fabrics should be placed in bin bags and put in the parent shelter next week.

Themed School Lunch - French Cuisine - On Thursday, for our French Themed day, the children were served with Chicken Chasseur, Ratatouille, French beans, Scallops and chocolate mousse. All the children really enjoyed their lunch and reported that it was 'Fantastique!' Many thanks to our school cook and her staff!

Bike Right - Thank you to all the parents of children in year 5 who have returned the permission forms for their child to be involved in these free training sessions. Please remember to send the children in with their bikes and suitable protective helmets on **Friday 14th and Friday 21st October**.

Year 6 Secondary Transfer - Preference Forms and information - Thank you to all those Year 6 parents who have already completed and returned the Preference Form for secondary school. I would like to remind you that the **FINAL day for returning the forms to school is 31st October 2011**.

Please also note that there is a wealth of information about choosing high schools on a new section on our website called Transition to High School.

Year 3, 4 & 5 Trip to Kingswood Colomendy - There has been a fantastic response to the upcoming trip to the Kingswood Colomendy Centre, and I would like to thank everyone for sending in the deposits on time. However, if you have not already returned your permission slip and non-refundable deposit, but would like your child to take part, **please contact the school office IMMEDIATELY**, when further negotiations will be entered into with Kingswood.

Year 3 Pirates Day- 21st October - A final reminder! This will be held on Friday 21st October when we ask children to dress as a pirate for a swash buckling day of fun. Any parents who are able to help on the day please see your child's class teacher.

Cooking Club Monday-10th October - Just a note that cooking club is back to its usual slot this Monday but will finish at 4.20

'Dragonese' Day - Today the children in year 5 had a fabulous time taking part in all manner of dragon related activities, including head-dress making, learning the amazing language of 'Dragonese' and using data bases to make Dragon top trump



style cards. The children looked really fantastic in their various dragon and Viking outfits and the staff didn't look too bad either! Thanks so much to all their parents who helped with the costumes and also to those who helped on the day.

BUDDY Rota for next week

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4JA	5G	5Q	5WH	4H
		Yinka lunchtime: 6H	Yinka lunchtime: 6M	Yinka lunchtime: 6W

After School Clubs week commencing 10th October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y5 Football Club	Y5/6 French Club 3.35-4.30pm		Y5&6 Indoor Athletics CANCELLED due to course.	Y6 Football
Y5/6 Tag Rugby	Y6 Basketball with Jay			Y6 Drama
Y4 Let's get cooking - Group 1, until 4.20	Y3/4 Gardening Club (trip to Orrell Park station)			
	Y3 Guitar			
	Y3 gymnastics			

Scouts - Please find attached a letter from Neil Mattocks, an ex pupil, regarding Scouts.

After school club in The Infants- Message from Ms Ball. Please note that after school club is now full and they cannot accept 'spur of the moment' requests for provision. Please make any enquiries to Ms Ball on 07896683526. Thank you.

Early Morning Sports Coaching Sessions with Yinka - These early morning sports coaching sessions will take place as per normal arrangements next week.

Merchant Taylors' Schools - Open Events - I have been asked to inform you of the Merchant Taylors' Schools : **Open Morning: Saturday 8th October** between 9am-12.30. For more information please ring: Senior Girls: 0151 932 2414 or Senior Boys: 949 9333

Yours sincerely,
M Rowlands, Headteacher

Year 5/6 Basketball After School Club - Tuesdays

CHILD'S NAME: _____ CLASS: _____

I would like my child to attend the Basketball after school club commencing **11 October 3.35-4.30pm**

*My child is allowed to walk home alone at 4.30pm

*My child will be picked up by a responsible adult

**please delete where applicable*

SIGNED: _____ Parent/Carer



14th WALTON-ON-THE-HILL SCOUT GROUP

- Are you aged 10 or over?
- Did you enjoy the activities on offer at Colomendy and Pensarn?
- Would you like the chance to try these activities again and learn new skills?

If you answered 'yes' to all of these questions, then Scouts could be for you!

Scouts is no longer an association just for boys. It is for **boys and girls** aged between 10 and 14 years of age. We offer a range of activities and provide a safe environment for young people to learn in. Some of the activities on offer are camping, archery, canoeing, abseiling and climbing. Through these activities we hope that you will learn how to work as part of a team as well as developing a sense of independence and learning some new skills.

The 14th Walton-On-The-Hill Scouts meet every Thursday at 7.00pm-9.00pm at Rice Lane Infants School.

If you are interested in coming along, then please return the slip at the bottom of this letter to the Junior School Office and I will contact your parent/guardian.

Yours in Scouting

Neil Mattocks (Scout Leader, 14th Walton-On-The-Hill Scouts)

My Child _____ is interested in visiting the 14th Walton-On-The-Hill Scouts.

Contact Number _____

SIGNED _____ *Parent/Guardian*

DATE _____

