

# Spring Term 1 Newsletter

Newsletter date: January 2010

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all. And what a start to the new school year! May I take this opportunity to welcome all the children back into school after what has been a very cold and snowy start. I hope you have all been able to manage over the last few weeks and have not found things too difficult. With the thaw in sight we are looking forward to a busy term ahead with a number of activities planned. Please keep this newsletter to hand as it has some important dates for your diary.



## Theatre Royal Visit - Newcastle

This Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January, the children will be going to see "Cinderella" at The Theatre Royal in Newcastle. This date has been changed due to the recent weather conditions. The coach will be leaving school at 12.30pm for a 2.00pm matinee performance. We expect to

be returning to school for 6.00pm. The school will be providing some small refreshments for the children at the interval. However, your child may bring their own refreshments along should they wish to. Please ensure you are at the school for 6.00pm to collect your child. We are asking for a contribution of £10 per child. Please bring the money into school by Friday 8th January. Thank you.

## U Dance Festival

I am delighted to announce that this year the children will be taking part in the U Dance Festival (previously known as Ace Dance) which will be held at The Sands Centre in Carlisle on March 5th.

A dance artist will be coming into school to work with the children on the dance routine they will be performing. The theme of the dance will be The Circus. The first dance rehearsal will be this Wednesday 13th January at 9.10am. Please make sure that your child has their PE kit (or leotard) with them.

## After School Clubs

The following after school clubs will be starting again from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

Monday 3.00-4.15pm: Games Club with Mrs Boucetra

Tuesday 3.00-4.15pm: Crafty Cookers with Mrs Fisher

Friday 3.00-4.15pm: Computer Club with Mr Henderson



## Improvement to Infant outside play area



Some additional building work has been planned to improve the outdoor play facilities for the infant children starting at the end of January. New perimeter fencing will be erected to the side of the infant classroom which will provide a safe area for the children to learn in using the outdoor environment. A hard surface area is also being provided where the children will be able to use the newly purchased large outdoor play equipment.

## Important dates for your diary

### Holiday Dates for 2010

Spring term: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2010

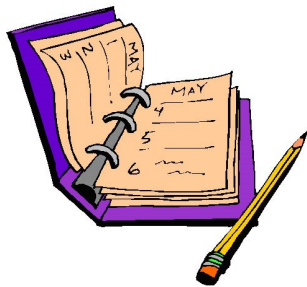
Spring Half-Term : Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February

Summer Term: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Summer Half-Term: Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Bank Holiday: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February: Education Sunday at the village hall.



## Outstanding Payments

Would parents please make sure any money owed to school is handed into the office by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January. Money is still owed for Christmas dinner, milk, pantomime and photographs. If you are unclear as to whether or not you have paid, please contact Mrs Veronica Gallagher on the school number between 9.00am - 11.30am.

**Happy New Year and best wishes for 2010**

**Christine Boucetla**

**Headteacher**

## Vacancy for 2 parent governors

The Governing Body currently has 2 vacancies for parent governors. We have an active governing body at Gillsland C of E School and would welcome anyone who would be interested in becoming more involved with the school. Please submit a letter outlining your interest in becoming a governor at the school.

If you are interested in becoming a governor for the

school but would like to know more about the role and what it entails, please ring

the school and talk to Mrs Veronica Gallagher, Clerk to the

Governing Body. Mrs Gallagher will be happy to discuss the role of governor with you.

