

Newsletter

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Parent Governor Election

Don't forget that we are holding two drop-in sessions for anyone interested in becoming a parent governor, next Wednesday (28th) at 9am and Thursday (29th) at 2.45pm.

Parent governors work with local authority, community and staff governors to help us ensure that the very best decisions are made for the development and future of the school. It is a serious commitment but a very rewarding one, so do come along and find out more.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

The new Year 1 statutory phonics screening check will be carried out between **18 and 22 June 2012**.

Year 2 statutory assessments will be carried out in the **second half of May 2012**.

Year 6 Statutory Assessment Tests will take place in the **week beginning 14 May 2012**.

It is essential that all children involved are in school at these times and no absence will be authorised unless for illness. Other year groups are also involved in assessment activities during May and June and attendance is very important.

Dussindale in Print!

We are very excited to have seen some first drafts of the book 'Teaching Art 4-7', written by Nigel Meager and to be published by Harper Collins. We are so proud of the Dussindale children and their art work that features in the book.

Mr Meager will be working with our older children this term on projects for the next title in the series, 'Teaching Art 7-11'.

Staff and children have both benefited enormously from participation in these projects, which complement our creative, enquiry-based curriculum so well. As the book says, the visually perceptive child has so much more to talk about, write about, record, contrast and compare; visual education contributes to enquiry skills across the curriculum.



Privacy Netting

You may have noticed the privacy netting that came and went during the course of the summer holidays.

Unfortunately the material chosen by the contractors was not appropriate for our windy site, We are also aware that some members of the local community were not pleased by the appearance of the netting.

We are exploring alternative strategies for achieving our aims, which are twofold:

1. To keep children safe
2. To provide some shelter for the poor little trees we planted along the boundary, so that they can have some chance of survival.

LOST

A scooter has gone missing from our scooter park - a Silver Razor with blue handles. Please check that you have not accidentally taken home the wrong one!