



April 2008 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to what is already promising to be a very busy and fun term.

Parent Rota

A big thankyou to the following parents who have agreed to go on a parent rota - Jeremy Phipps, Sam Adams, Jackie Cairns, Val and Geoff Liscoe and Helen Spivak. If I have missed your name off and you offered to help please let me know as it all got a bit confused at the end of last term.

We could still do with some more parents just to make sure that no one has to do it too often.

We are waiting for the CRB checks to come back - as soon as they do I will send out a rota.

Arrival Time - 5.15pm

Beavers start at 5.15 please do not drop your child off before that time as we cannot be responsible for their safety until we have set up. If you arrive before 5.15 please wait with your Beaver in the foyer area of the school.

St George's Day Parade - Sunday 27th April

See letter that went out last week for details of the parade. As St George's day falls on a Wednesday this year - **23rd April** - we thought the Beavers might like to come to that session dressed as knights, dragons or princesses.

Bikeability - Wednesdays 7th and 14th May

We have Bikeability training booked for our Beavers on these days. Each Beaver will take part in one of the sessions. Bikes will need to be at school by 4:00pm on the day your Beaver takes part - they can be left after school - and your Beaver will need to be ready at 4:45pm for the start of the session. Beavers not doing Bikeability on each day should arrive at normal time. Please let us know if you have any preferences over which day so that we can allocate sessions to the Beavers. Please see accompanying letter for more details of what the Bikeability training is all about.

Family Camp

We are asking for a donation of £2 per adult that comes to family camp on the Saturday with their Beaver to cover the cost of the day. Beavers may come unaccompanied for the day on Saturday but we need to confirm numbers ASAP as the person leading the camp is due to go into hospital shortly. Please see letter from last week for more information.

Badges

This term we will be working on the fitness challenge badge, the healthy eating activity badge and the health and fitness activity badge. As well as this we have sent home a badge book listing the requirements of some other badges so that you can work on them at home with your Beaver if you wish to.

Waiting List - Siblings

As you know, we are a very popular colony with the average starting age of new Beavers being about 6½. If your Beaver has a sibling who would like to become a Beaver it is very important that you get them onto our waiting list. Please find a waiting list application form accompanying this letter. Let us know if you need more than one!

Moving on to Cubs

When a Beaver turns eight they are usually ready to move on to cubs. A place is guaranteed for your Beaver at Helpston cubs - Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:30. However, some of our Beavers have moved on to West Town cubs - Wednesdays, 6:15 - 7:30. In order to help the cub leader with their planning it would be very helpful if you could let us know what you think your Beaver will be doing.

Happy Beaver-ing!
Nala, Sarabi, Pumbaa and Kiara
(Clare, Julie, Nathan and Alice)

Name of Beaver _____

My Beaver will be:

Moving to Helpston cubs

Moving to West Town cubs

Not sure yet

(Please circle)