

Pre-Prep & Nursery Newsletter, 21 October 2011

New children – a special Copthorne welcome to the Pennisi boys: Gus is in Mrs Doran's Year 1 class and Xavier in Mrs Lock's Reception. (Older brother Zachary is in Mr Coombes' Year 4 class). The boys seem to have settled well and I am sure all parents and children are making them feel at home.

Year 2 had a wonderful trip to Newhaven Fort. Abigail 'could not stop smiling with pride and joy and (her) memory was turning with all the facts stuck onto it'; Jamie Hough remarked that 'in the public shelter, the noise was deafening'; Gabriel was 'scared a little bit' and Sophia commented that the 'Micky Mouse gas mask is only for young children to make them happy'! Thank you to Mrs Griffin for accompanying this trip, which was a new destination for Year 2 and by all accounts a very popular one.

Ballet – We are delighted to tell you that Hayley Cheneler is going to have a baby! She will be departing at the end of this term as the baby is due in January. Ms Kerry Payne will take over from Ms Cheneler for the first half of next term, or until Ms. Cheneler is ready to come back. LAST BALLETT this term will be on Monday 1st December.

Pen Grips – the ones we use in school will be available in the School shop after half-term if you would like to purchase one. Cost unknown but it will not break the bank!

UNIFORM – Kumail Ali has lost his named black coat. Perhaps everyone could take the opportunity over half-term to check their child's uniform and make sure that every item is clearly named with sewn-in name tags.

Reception – are looking forward to their Nursery Rhyme afternoon on Friday. They have also begun their new theme, Autumn, and been collecting leaves, conkers and acorns in our woods. They hunted high and low for woodland creatures especially hedgehogs. Sadly they were unable to find any creatures of the nocturnal variety, so have created their own 'Handhogs' instead ... do have a look for them on the classroom walls.

Parents' Evening – Nursery & Pre-Prep Parents' Evening is scheduled for Thursday 24th November as you will have seen in the Calendar. Some meetings will be able to take place straight after school during that week – please look out for the timetables which will go up shortly after half term.