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Dear Parents,

I do hope that you all enjoyed the half term break and that the children have had a good rest. Please make sure that you read the list of diary dates at the end of this letter as there is a lot of information in it.

We are starting the half term with a visiting author – David Mason, who will be performing to all the children and working with the KS2 children to write and perform poetry. I have worked with David before and I know the children will have a great time. We are not asking for any donation to the cost of this event. David will be selling signed copies of his books in the hall, after school. They are priced at £6 and £7. Do have a look at David's website [www.inspiretowrite.co.uk](http://www.inspiretowrite.co.uk)

Could I remind you that many of you have still not contributed to the performance of the Snow Queen back in January. This was a great stimulus for the children's writing and they thoroughly enjoyed it. I still have not had the £3 contribution from over a third of families in the school. If we do not get sufficient monies to cover the cost, then I'm afraid we will not be able to do this again, which would be a great shame as it enhanced the children's learning greatly as well as being an exciting start to the term. Please pay via Parent Pay, or see me (in confidence) if payment causes you difficulty.

**Parent / Teacher Interviews:** Please sign up to meet with your teacher if you have not already done so. The evenings are Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2:30 – 6:00 for KS2 / 3:30 – 6:00 for Reception and KS1 classes and Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February 4:30 – 8:00pm. Please see the sign-up sheet for Nursery times, which are different to main school. Oak Class Parent/Teacher Interviews are on the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March, once Miss Dorling has had time to get to know the children better.

**Uniform:** A reminder that the girls' school uniform (excluding nursery) only includes tailored trousers, not leggings or stretch trousers. Please ensure girls wearing trousers have the correct uniform, thank you. Can I also ask that you name everything belonging to your children. We always have vast amounts of lost property which we cannot return because it is not named.

**Theatre visit:** Willow Class have been invited to watch a production of "We Will Rock You" performed by Roseberry High School, at the Secombe Centre. The performance starts at 2:00pm and will end at 3:30pm. Parents can collect from the Secombe Centre or we will walk the children back to school. A separate letter will come out with all the details.

**ASBSA News:** The Annual Quiz is on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February and Steve Cannon is busy putting together some challenging questions! There is no need to have a full team before you buy tickets. If you don't have a full team, then please do still come and we will make up a team for you when you arrive.

The May Fair is always a major event in the ASBSA Calendar and a team are hard at work organising it. Class Reps will soon be asking for your help to man a stall. Please do offer if you can. Nobody will be asked to be on a stall for the whole afternoon – the more volunteers we get the

shorter the time everyone will have to do. As you will see, from the diary dates, we will be holding a series of days when we ask for donations to the Fair. Thank you, in advance, for all your contributions. These days will not be full mufti days, but children will be able to change a part of their uniform (e.g. choose your shoes day). The reason for this is that we see a marked difference in the children's attitude to learning and behaviour when they are in mufti.

The next ASBSA Meeting is on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March. It would be very helpful if all class reps could attend this meeting as we will be discussing the May Fair and what Class Reps can do to help in the run up to it. Thank you.

**Prayer Group:** there is a prayer meeting this week, on Thursday, at school, in the Parish Room. The meeting starts at 9a.m. and all are very welcome

**Sports Day:** once again we are hoping to hold our Sports Day in May – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> – before the weather gets too hot. Early Years and KS1 will have theirs in the morning on the school field and Key Stage 2 will have theirs in the afternoon, at Greenshaw. Nursery children will have their sports at the beginning of their session for that day (Acorns at 9:00am and Pips at 1:00pm), both on the School Field.

**SATs Week:** The KS2 SATS take place during the week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> May. We will be providing breakfast for Beech Class during that week if the children would like to come and breakfast with their friends. Details to follow nearer the time. The KS1 SATs will also take place during May and early June. There is no national timetable for these, so staff will complete them as suits their timetables.

**Election 7<sup>th</sup> May:** Please note that only the Nursery will be closed for Polling on 7<sup>th</sup> May. **The main school will be open.**

**Year 6 Isle of Wight visit::** a reminder that details of this visit went out to parents before Christmas and it has been on Parent Pay for several months, if you wish to pay in instalments.

**Conga and Coffee:** How do you get to school each morning? Could you walk and reduce the traffic congestion outside school? To raise awareness of our Walk to School campaign, we will be holding a whole school conga around the block on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May! Parents are invited to join us and we hope that many of you will. When you get back to school, coffee and biscuits will be available!

Best wishes

*Ros Sutton*

Rosalind P. Sutton  
Headteacher

## Diary Dates – Spring 2 and Summer Terms 2015

Date	Event
23.02.15	David Mason (author) visiting school
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25.02.15	Year 2 visit to B&Q
25.02.15	Parent teacher Interviews
26.02.15	Parent teacher Interviews
26.02.15	9:00am Prayer Group in the Parish Room
27.02.15	ASBSA Quiz Night
03.03.15	Year 6 Parents are notified of High School offers
03.03.15	Beech Class visit to Sutton Synagogue
04.03.15	2:45pm Juniper Hall visit information meeting for Year 4 parents
09.03.15	Book Week
12.03.15	Helping your Child to Learn meetings – morning and evening.
13.03.15	Year 6 visit to The Science Museum
16.03.15	Year 5 visit to The Secombe Centre
16.03.15	Oak Class Parent/Teacher interviews
17.03.15	Oak Class Parent/Teacher interviews
18.03.15	Maple Class to Juniper Hall
20.03.15	Choir to The Fairfield Halls for the Music Festival.
24.03.15	ASBSA Meeting – all class reps to attend please and any parents welcome.
26.03.15	School Talent Show – during the afternoon
27.03.15	Last day of term school closes at 2:15pm  End of year service – Acorns, Reception Classes, Y1 and Y2 at 9:15am  - Pips and KS2 at 1:15pm

30.03.15	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
13.04.15	<b>School Closed for Inservice Training</b>
14.04.15	Children return to school
20.04.15	Ash and Elm Class visit to Brooklands Museum – details to follow
04.05.15	<b>Bank Holiday – School Closed</b>
07.05.15	<b>Nursery only Closed for Polling. Main School open as usual.</b>
15.05.15	Conga and Coffee
16.05.15	ALL SAINTS BENHILTON MAY FAIR
20.05.15	Sports Day
21.05.15	Class photographs will be taken today
22.05.15	<b>In service Training – school closed</b>
23.05.15	All Saints Benhilton Church Flower Festival
24.05.15	School Choir to sing at 9:30 Mass in All Saints Benhilton Church
25.05.15	Half Term Week – school closed
01.06.15	Beech Class leave for the Isle of Wight
20.06.15	All Saints Benhilton Church Family Fun Day – School Field
01.07.15	Beech Class to Southwark Cathedral for the Leavers' Service
18.07.15	Beech Class Leavers' Party – details to follow
Mon. 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term – school closes at 2:15pm  End of year service – Acorns, Reception Classes, Y1 and Y2 at 9:15am  Leavers' Service - Pips and KS2 at 1:15pm