

### FROM THE HEADTEACHER...

Apparently it's Spring now which is presumably why it's colder than ever. However the evenings are beginning to get lighter and the clocks change at the end of the month so maybe by then, the weather will have improved. In fact by then, this term will be over as we break up on Thursday 24 March for the Easter break. Before then please do make an appointment for our new-look parents' evening which we hope will bring in record numbers of you. Have a great Easter and don't forget, I'm happy to dispose of any left over Easter eggs next term!

*Iain C. Gilmore*

### BUILDING NEWS

Over half term, we had some building work completed. The floor leading into the lower hall from the white door has been repaired with new lino and carpet installed. The girls' toilets have been redecorated and my office has been refurbished to give it a smart, modern, grown-up look. Future work includes getting the stairs decorated this year and giving our reception area a bit of a make-over – watch this space for more details!



### PARENTS' EVENING – YEAR 3, 4, 5

You should have received a letter inviting you to this term's Parents' Evening. We have made a few changes this term which we hope will be of benefit:

- Parents' Evening running over three afternoons rather than two giving more appointments straight after school
- One day offering early afternoon appointments from 2:30pm
- A DVD on in the upper hall to keep younger children occupied
- Refreshments available whilst you wait for your appointment
- On Monday, the ISS Food Ambassador will be doing some food tasting



Don't forget  
Parents'  
Evening!

Our recent parents' survey showed that only 84% of you thought we gave you enough information about your child's progress so please do make an appointment to see your child's teacher.

### PARENTS' EVENING – YEAR 6

As it is SATs year, Year 6 are running a slightly different parents' evening that will involve your children talking to you about their learning. Mrs Paine will be available to ask questions about the SATs themselves. Please look out for the letter for more details!

### SPORTS' RELIEF AND FESTIVAL DAY

To raise money for Sports' Relief, we are holding a Danceathon on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. We would like to invite children to come into school in sports' or dancing clothes and donate at least £1 to Sports' Relief if they would like to take part.



On the last day of this term, Thursday 24 March, we are having a day of creative activities based on festivals around the world. We would like children to dress up in bright carnival colours to enjoy this day!

### SCHOOL FACEBOOK ACCOUNT

I am going to trial having a school Facebook page. This would be a “broadcast account.” In other words it would be to share news and information with you not as a way of communicating with school: telephone calls, popping in to see us, writing or emailing are still the best way to do that!



We would like to share some photographs via the page. These will either be taken by a camera or on an old SIM-less iPhone 4 that the school has acquired. This is clearly marked as a school item and will remain in school. Once the photos are uploaded, they will be deleted from the phone. Please write if you prefer your child’s photograph not to go on either our website or the Facebook page – they will never be named.



When everything is up and running, I will put a link on the website and send a text. We will trial it for the rest of this half-term and go public next term. As I said, this would be a broadcast page to allow us to share more about day-to-day life in school, celebrate our successes and give some occasional reminders – please do not use it to communicate with us as you won’t get a reply!

### PTA EASTER EGG RAFFLE

The PTA has organised an Easter Egg raffle. Tickets have gone home and the raffle will be drawn during school time on Friday 18 March. If you would like to buy more tickets, please ask at the office. Good luck!



### DIARY DATES

Monday 7 March – Wednesday 9 March	Year 5 Residential @ Marchant’s Hill
Tuesday 8 March	Remaining Year 5 to Fort Purbrook
Monday 14 March	Parents’ Evening
Tuesday 15 March	Parents’ Evening
Wednesday 16 March	Parents’ Evening
Friday 18 March	Year 5 visit to PAGS who will be co-ed when they start Yr 7 Easter Egg raffle during school Sports’ Relief Danceathon: dress up in dance/sport clothes
Monday 21 March	SongScape @ Guildhall 6:30pm
Thursday 24 March	World Day: dress in bright colours
<b>Friday 25 March</b>	<b>School closed for Easter Holiday</b>
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>School reopens for Summer Term</b>

### TERM DATES

Summer term	Mon 11 April to Wed 20 July	Half term: Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> May to Fri 3 Jun May Day: Mon 2 May
Final INSET day this year is	6 June	