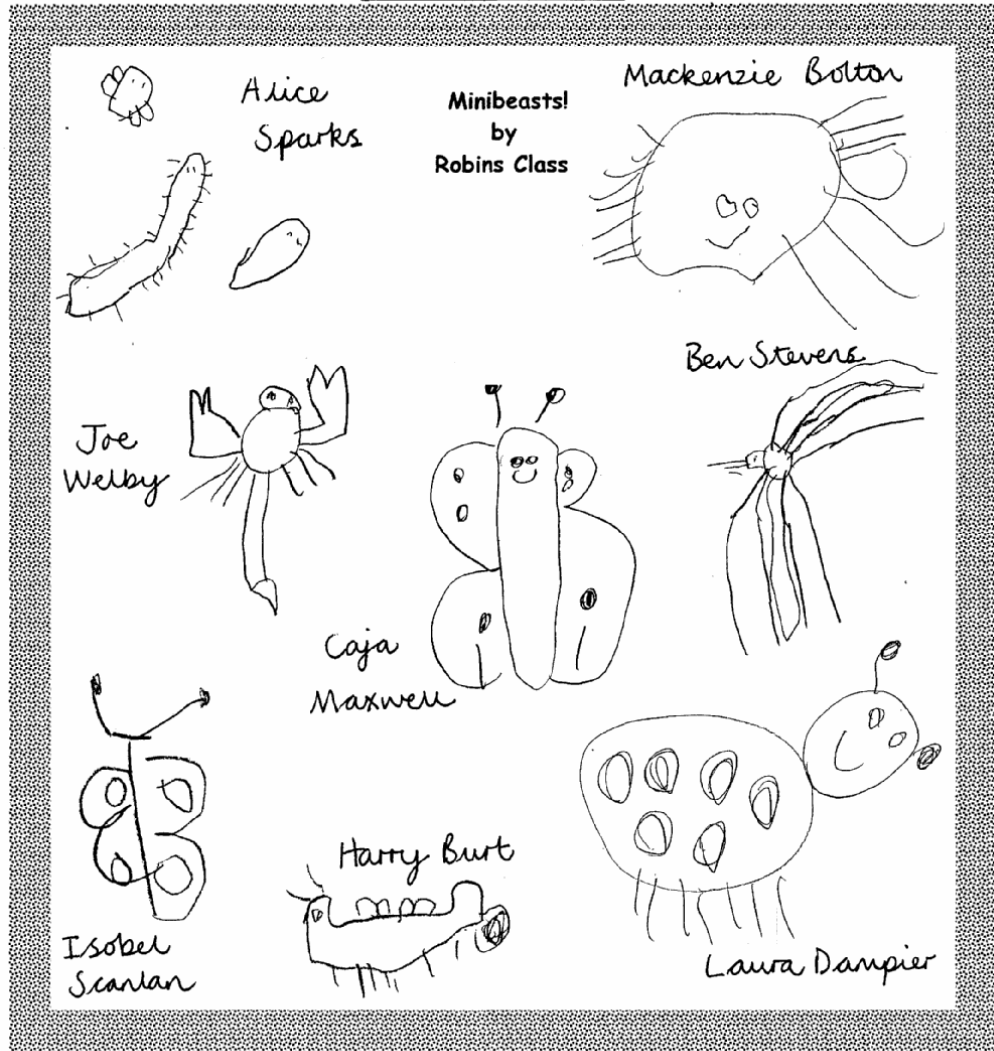


Abinger Common First School
Newsletter



June 2009

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Diary Dates

Tuesday 9 th June	Dorking Schools Early Closure 1pm prompt
Saturday 13 th June	Abinger Fair (Please arrive no earlier than 1.15p.m. and by 1.20 p.m.)
Monday 15 th June	Mosque Visit for Kingfishers and Owls (letter to follow)
Friday 19 th June	Teddy Bears' Picnic for Robins Class, New Entrants and Abinger Nursery
	Science Museum Outreach workshops (letter to follow)
Tuesday 23 rd June	Sports Extravaganza at Belmont School (letter to follow)
Friday 26 th June	'Big Sing' for Year 2 and 3 children (letter to follow)
Tuesday 30 th June	Induction Morning for New Entrants and 'everyone meet your new teacher' morning
	Sponsored Walk for Alero School, Gulu
Wednesday 1 st July	Reports sent home
	Tea Party for our Older Friends
Thursday 2 nd July	Minibeast Coffee Morning for Robins Parents
Thursday 2 nd July)	Year 3 Adventure Day and Overnight Trip to the Holmbury St Mary
Friday 3 rd July)	Youth Hostel
Tuesday 7 th July	Induction Morning for New Entrants and 'everyone meet your new teacher' morning
Thursday 9 th July	Meeting for the parents of children transitioning from the Robins Class to Owls in September, 2.15 pm in Owls Class
Friday 10 th July	Sports Day and Family Picnic followed by Open Afternoon
Sunday 12 th July	FOACS Summer Event (details to follow)
Wednesday 15 th July	End of Year Play for toddlers. 2.15 pm
Thursday 16 th July	End of Year Play at 2.15 pm (Crèche available)
Friday 17 th July	End of Year Play at 9.30 am (Crèche available)
Monday 20 th July	Helpers' Tea Party 2.15pm
	Leavers' Extravaganza for Owls and Kingfishers (6.00 – 8.00 pm)
Tuesday 21 st July	Silly Sports morning
	Leavers' Service in St James' Church at 2.15 pm.
Wednesday 22nd July	Achievement Presentation at 1.00 pm
	School finishes for the Summer Holidays at 1.30 pm

Wednesday 2nd, Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September School closed – In Service Training.

School re-opens for the Autumn Term on Monday 7th September.

Summer Term 2009

NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a very enjoyable half-term and are now ready for the many varied events that take place at the end of the school year.

We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded both the Silver Artsmark and the Silver Sing Up awards. We would like to thank Mrs Strachan and Mrs Ray for all their hard work in helping us achieve these.



The Abinger Fair

You should have already received a letter outlining the details of the Fair. The Maypole dancers are making very good progress and the costumes should all be washed, ironed and returned ready for the big day.

Dinner Money

Please may I remind you that Dinner Money should be paid promptly at the beginning of each half-term or on a Monday if you pay weekly.

Water Bottles and Sun Lotion

Ironically it seems to be that the children all bring their water bottles in during the winter, but then forget to bring them in the summer! Please ensure your child has their bottle at school on a daily basis. It is especially important as we do sports outside this term and we like them to have easy access to water while they are taking exercise. Also, don't forget to send in the lotion for those hot playtimes!



Uniform Orders

A list has been put on the Parents Notice Board for you to make orders for any uniform requirements you may need for September. We hope to place the order by the end of June to ensure delivery in time for the new academic year, so please sign up as soon as possible.

E-mailing Newsletters

We do now e-mail Newsletters to parents as well as sending a hard copy to anyone who would rather still receive it in the traditional manner. However, we would be grateful if you could indicate on the attached form which method you would prefer, as from September, and inform us of your e-mail address if this is your preferred choice.

Parent Hotline

May I please remind you to use the Hotline (**08447 707576 – ID no. 65638**) when checking up on Club dates and times. Ms Broadhead updates the message daily as to what is happening in school and is a quick and easy way for you to check arrangements.

I will now elaborate on the Diary dates until the end of term.

Tuesday 9th June **Dorking Schools Early Closure**

As you know, each term we have an Early Closure when the Teachers attend Training with all the other Teachers of the Dorking Schools. To enable them to get to their training venues on time, please pick your children up very promptly at 1.00 pm.

Monday 15th June **Mosque Visit for Owls and Kingfishers**

A separate letter outlining the arrangements for this trip will be sent later this week.

Friday 19th June **Teddy Bears' Picnic for Robins Class, The New Entrants, the Holmbury St Mary Playgroup and Abinger Nursery**



We look forward to all of the above children bringing their Teddies, picnics, Mums, Dads, Grannies and Grandads for a picnic in the school grounds. This is an especially nice way for the New Entrant children to come to the school before they come for the Induction days.

Tuesday 23rd June **Sports Festival at Belmont School for Years 2 and 3**

The Year 2s and 3s have been invited to a Sports Festival along with children from other local schools. It will take place on Belmont's Sports Field during the afternoon of the 23rd June. A letter will be sent out in the near future giving more details.

Friday 26th June **The 'Big Sing'**

On Friday 26th June the Year 2s and 3s will go to The Ashcombe School to attend the 'Big Sing', where they will sing a French song to all the other schools and listen to the other schools perform songs in a variety of languages.

Tuesday 30th June and 7th July Induction Mornings

All the children will spend a morning with their Class teacher and new Class friends in preparation for next September. I will take all the children who will be moving on at the end of the year, although I believe many of them will be visiting their new schools on Tuesday 7th July.

Tuesday 30th June Sponsored Walk for Alero School, Gulu

We have decided to have a sponsored walk to raise the fund for our link school this year. We aim to walk to the Stephan Langton and back – roughly two miles. We will ensure there are drinks available and they are shaded in the woods. Chris and Rosie Robinson have very kindly offered to supply us with refreshments on our arrival at the Stephan Langton. Mrs Weaver has advised that the refreshments for the staff will be strictly non-alcoholic! Sponsor forms attached.

Wednesday 1st July Reports to be sent home

Children will bring home their report on this date. There will be a form inside for you to complete and return to school to confirm its receipt. The Year 2s will have their SATs results included with the Report. If you have any queries about your child's report, there will be opportunity for you to talk to your child's Teacher on Sports Day, during the afternoon.

Tea Party for some 'older' residents of Abinger and Holmbury St Mary



Now an annual event, the School Council will once again invite some of our older friends to a Tea Party. The older children will perform Maypole dancing, singing and recorders and then serve tea. If anyone feels they could spare some time in helping prepare a tea for our guests, please contact me.

Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd July Year 3 Activity Day and Overnight Trip to the Holmbury St Mary Youth Hostel

Letters about the Adventure Day and Overnight Trip will be sent out to the Year 3's shortly.

There will be no swimming on this day for 3s, but Year 1s and 2s will go as normal.

Thursday 2nd July Robins Minibeast Coffee Morning

The children in the Robins Class will be inviting their parents to a special minibeast Coffee morning. Be warned – do not eat too much breakfast!!

Thursday 9th July Meeting for the parents of the children transitioning from the Robins Class to Owls in September, 2.15 pm in Owls Class

Mrs Cole and Mrs Kerry will meet with you to explain how the children will make the transition from the Foundation Curriculum to the more formal curriculum at Key Stage 1 when they move into the Owls Class in September.

Friday 10th July Sports Day and Family Picnic



We are planning to repeat the format of last year's Sports Day with all the events taking place in the morning. There will then be a family picnic at lunchtime followed by an Open Afternoon when you are all free to walk around the school and talk informally with your child's Class Teacher.

I would very much appreciate volunteer marshals, for setting up and for the events. As you will be very busy you will need to be toddler free. More details will be sent out nearer the time.

Sunday 12th July FOACS Summer Party on the Green

FOACS are planning a family Summer Party with barbecue and band to take place on the village green. It was great fun last year, so don't miss it. More details follow shortly.

Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th July at 2.15 pm and Friday 17th July at 9.30 am –

Abinger Common First School proudly presents:

'1863 – and all that'

Directed by: Mrs. D. Baker

The Wednesday performance is aimed at Parents who wish to bring children **under the age of 16 years** to watch. The New Entrants have also been invited to attend on this date. The Thursday and Friday Performances are designated for **adults only**.

On the attached slip, **I would be grateful if you could indicate which performance you would like to attend and how many seats you will require. Seating is by prior booking only.** If you have a toddler and would like to leave him/her in a crèche please indicate this also. We would be very grateful if some of you could volunteer to run a crèche either on the Thursday or Friday.

The entire school perform, so all of you are welcome!

Monday 20th July

**Summer Extravaganza for Owls and Kingfishers
Classes**

Tickets for this evening of fun will be available in July. Any child from both the Owls and Kingfishers Classes are welcome to attend. We are sorry to have to limit the numbers but it is a special event for the older children and the younger children have their Teddy Bears' Picnic earlier in the Term.

Tuesday 21st July

Leavers' Service in St James Church at 2.15 pm

This is a special service for the children who are leaving at the end of term, to reminisce about their time at the school. All children participate in some way, so please do come even if your child is not leaving!

Wednesday 22nd July

Achievement Assembly in the Hall at 1.00 pm

Every child is special at Abinger Common First School and each child will have had the opportunity to blossom in at least one area of the curriculum. Although there is always a feeling of sadness on the last day of the summer term, we feel that it is very important that each child leaves on a note of recognised achievement. They will be presented with a certificate.

Swimming Certificates, the two cups and The Ray Award for Art, the Strachan Award for Music, the Hallam Award for French and the Swimming Progress Award will also be presented, so again all parents are welcome. School will finish at 1.30 pm.

I hope you and your children enjoy all the activities leading up to the end of the Term and thank you for your continued support in all we do. It is very much appreciated by us all.

Please note School will resume for the new academic year on Monday 7th September.

I will update you about my personal timetable for September. As you will appreciate, from then my time will have to be shared across the two sites. Exciting times ahead!

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. H.G. Weaver,
Head Teacher

PLEASE RETURN TO THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY 12th JUNE

ABINGER COMMON FIRST SCHOOL

Sports Day Friday 10th July

Child's name.....

I am able to help with marshalling on Sports Day.

Signed.....

The Plays

Child's name.....

I would like to watch the play on:

Wednesday 15th July at 2.15 pm I would like seats.

Thursday 16th July at 2.15 pm I would like seats. I would like crèche
facilities.

Friday 17th July at 9.30 am I would like seats. I would like crèche
facilities.

I am able to help run a crèche on Thursday 16th July at 2.15 pm

I am able to help run a crèche on Friday 17th July at 9.30 am

Signed.....

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Newsletters by e-mail

Name of child

I would/would not like to receive the Newsletter by e-mail in September. (No paper copy will be sent if you request this arrangement.)

My e-mail address is

Signed

