

Dear Parents and Carers

This newsletter is the **'World cup special'** as the tournament kicks off in South Africa this afternoon. We all have our fingers crossed for Fabio Capello and his team and hope that we see Steven Gerrard lifting the cup on the 11th July having won the final 5-0. As the advert says, 'maybe, just maybe!' In the meantime we can be sure that England are playing in the 1st round and there is one fixture that presents a clash with school time. The match between England and Slovenia takes place on Wednesday 23rd June at 3:00pm. If any family would like to come to collect their child early on that day **at 2:30pm** then this will be allowed as we understand that otherwise some of our children might be getting very itchy feet as 3:00pm gets closer. Please make the arrangements with your child's class teacher.

'Super dads' Saturday

Mrs Christopher, our extended schools' co-ordinator, has been working hard to organise activities for schools in Thornton Heath and has arranged something specifically for dads. On Saturday 26th June all dads with children in Years 3 & 4 are invited to attend a world cup themed event at Thornton Heath children's centre—which is in Pridham Road, 2 minutes walk from our school. The session is for 2 hours between 10am and 12 midday. There will be football activities and foods from around the world and it's a great chance for dads who work during the week to enjoy some 'one to one' time with their children. For more details please call Mrs Christopher on the main school number and then selecting option '3'.

Independent work and the thematic curriculum

If you haven't had the chance yet to spend 5 minutes looking at the displays around the school then please try to take the chance to do so at the start or end of the day. The work that some of the children have done independently for homework is on display and is of an excellent quality. Thanks to all those parents and carers who worked with their children over the half term break to produce such excellent work. We believe that our new thematic curriculum is really starting to pay dividends and whereas children would once have sat passively in class waiting for instructions they are now full of ideas of their own. We have spent this week working entirely on our thematic books and having seen children present their work in assembly this morning I can see how much they are growing in confidence. Their thematic books and project work will go home with them at the end of the term.

Home access grants for computers

We have been informed that 24 families from this school have been awarded grants to allow them internet access and computer equipment at home. There are criteria that have to be met before you qualify for this grant but 70,000 further grants are available. To see whether you qualify and to find out where to get the application form please contact Ms George in 3G.

Summer Fayre

The summer fayre will take place on Wednesday 7th July after school. We are currently collecting second hand 'gift bags' - the ready made bags made of wrapping paper. If you have any of these at home that you could donate then please give them to Ms Achenbach.

Dates for your diaries

18th June - Inset day. School closed.

21st, 22nd and 23rd June after school - Croydon Athletics at Croydon Arena, Albert Road

25th June - Year 6 being photographed for Croydon advertiser 'Class of 2010' feature

30th June - Cake sale for Cancer research

1st July - International day. Exhibition of work and entertainment after school.