

## **Pyjama Day**

Thank you to everyone who helped to make Wednesday's Pyjama Day a success. We combined Sophia's request to come to school in our pyjamas with the chance to raise money for the Haiti Disaster Appeal. We explained that the Haitian children may not be able to wear their pyjamas to bed because their homes may have been destroyed and their clothes left behind. We talked about the problems the earthquake had caused in assembly and in classrooms and we aimed to raise enough money to provide water, shelter and medicines for 150 Haitian children. This was on the same day as our Friendship Lunch - an appropriate day to be thinking of others. I am pleased to say we raised £200 in total - enough to provide water, shelter and medicine for 300 children.



***\*\*\*\*\*Advance notice\*\*\*\*\****

***We are looking forward to welcoming  
Mums to lunch on Thursday 11th March. More details to follow.***

## **FA Skills Centre Sessions**

Samuel Ward are hosting youth football coaching sessions on a Friday evening from 4 to 6pm. These sessions are for 5 to 11 year old girls and boys of all abilities. The sessions last an hour and cost £2. Leaflets are available in our entrance hall should parents want to find out more.

## **New school**

I recently received an updated set of drawings for our new school. The plans look great. The final cost is about to be agreed (at somewhere around five million pounds) and the contractors, Barnes, should soon be on site. The expected start date is early April with the fences going up before then. The building programme is expected to take 60 weeks so, weather permitting, it should be finished in June 2011. We hope we will be able to 'try out' the new building with the older children before the summer holiday next year. We should then all be able to move into the new school for the start of the Autumn term in 2011. We are very fortunate because teaching and learning will be able to continue at our Clarendon Road building without interruption from the building work. The only unresolved issue is the public play equipment already at the Puddlebrook site. Our design team have asked that the new play equipment should be installed before the building work begins however St Edmundsbury Borough Council have yet to agree to this.

School Council met on Friday and we discussed the pros and cons of keeping our current school name or changing it. School Council members will then ask their class mates before reporting back to the Governors. From the limited number of parent responses received last term, the most popular choices were Clements, New Clements or Greenfields Primary School (the school is on a green field on Greenfields Way). Staff will be asked for their views and then the Governing Body will decide how to proceed when they meet in early March.

## **Year 5**

In September our year 4 children will stay with us as we expand to include children up to year 6 by September 2011. School Council have therefore started to think of possible names for the new class this September. Owls, Hawks, Eagles, Ospreys and Albatrosses are the current class names and so we need a further name to fit with this tradition. If you have any suggestions, please let the office know.

We have also started to look at a proper Homework Diary for our older children to help them be prepared for the eventual transition to secondary school.

## School Council



We were very pleased to welcome Haydon from year 3 and Kyle and Mia from our reception class to last Friday's meeting for the first time. Amazon and Jack from year 4 will now take over the role of chairing and minuting these meetings.

### **P.E. kit**

We are hoping for some warmer weather so that we can use our outdoor space more in P.E. The children need plain coloured blue or black shorts and a white tee-shirt for indoor P.E. They also need trainers or plimsolls in school and an extra layer of warm clothing (which could be a tracksuit) for when we do go outside.

Our visiting football coach, Steve Jordan, is working outside with year 1 and year 3 whenever possible already during their P.E. lessons. It is better if the children do not wear their school sweatshirts in case these get dirty outside. It is also good hygiene to change for sport.

Steve will also be offering a session on a Thursday lunchtime.

This will be for year 4 before their lunch and year 2 for the second half of lunchtime. Children wanting to join in will need P.E. kit and trainers that can get muddy as Steve will be leading football skills and games work on the school field.

In response to parental requests, we do have a small number of pairs of black P.E. shorts in small, medium (£3) and large (£4) available for sale - please see Mrs Kiernan in the school office. If there is sufficient demand we will look into ordering a larger number of these and will hope to secure a competitive price.



## Gifted and Talented Pupils

Staff have been noticing children across the school who are achieving at a very high level in any area of our school curriculum. Where we can, we aim to provide additional opportunities for the children to develop their skills. This includes a lunchtime Writers Club, making announcements in assembly, taking part in sessions at other schools and working with visiting teachers in areas such as art. Where talents include skills such as gymnastics, football and dance, Miss Jennings (our Gifted and Talented Coordinator) will signpost children and families to out of school opportunities. All children who have been noticed in this way will receive a letter home. This includes an invitation to tell us any extra information that will help us provide sufficient challenge. Teachers will of course continue to differentiate to meet the needs of all children within our classrooms.

With best wishes from

Mrs L Farrow



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**Haverhill Family Fun Day**  
Friday 19th February 2010, 10:00am-3:00pm  
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Friends of Clements School  
*Play Equipment Fund*

## Film Night

**Monsters**

**vs**

**Aliens (PG)**

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February

3:15 - 5.15

(In the school hall)

**Tickets £2**

*available from the school office.*

(Tickets includes squash and popcorn or crisps)

*Children will need to be collected from the main entrance at 5:15*