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# Fonthill Lodge Newsletter

April 2010

Dear Parents,

Here we are in the third and final term of the academic year, how time flies! By the time you read this our French guests will have been and gone and I am delighted to report that we all had a brilliant time including a very pleasurable trip up the Thames showing our French friends some famous London landmarks. May I extend my personal thanks to all the parents who have made this year's visit such a success.

Preparations for the performance are well in hand and I am sure that you are all looking forward to this year's production, a version of Shakespeare's 'The Tempest'. The performing arts department will keep you apprised of all the significant dates – book early for our very popular gala evening on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July (suits and posh frocks) where we will gather on the lawn for our usual 'après show' drinks and food. A ticket request form is attached; please return it to the office with your requirements.

Some major dates for you to be aware of;

Time	Event
Tuesday, 11th May – 4.15pm	Parents' Numeracy Workshop for parents of pupils in KS2 who would like to know more about the teaching of Numeracy in school.
Saturday, 15th May	Friends of Fonthill Quiz Night – please see Mrs Lawler or any of her team for tickets.
Monday, 17th May	Cycling Proficiency week for Year 6 begins.
Tuesday, 18th May	Annual Heads Buffet Supper when colleagues from our neighbouring senior schools address the parents of Years 4 and 5 and then are available over supper to answer any questions.
Wednesday, 26th May	Annual School Photograph – full summer uniform and shiny shoes please!
Monday, 7th June	Annual Governors' Reception – an opportunity for you to enjoy an informal evening with our governors and have some refreshments.
Wednesday, 9th June – 10.00am to 12 Noon	Working Open Morning – Please join us to see the school in action.
Sunday, 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Friends' of Fonthill Annual Fete. Please come along and support a great day.
Tuesday, 15 <sup>th</sup> June – 2.00pm	Annual Pre-prep Concert.
Thursday, 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Annual Swimming Gala.
Monday, 5th July	Sports Day – come along and watch the fun (maybe get a bit of training in for the grown-up races!).
Wednesday, 7th July – 7.00pm	Presentation Evening. School will close at 3.30pm (prep will be available).
Friday, 9th July – 10.45am	Final Assembly – please note it will start a little earlier this year because it is always a jam packed event. School will close for the summer directly afterwards.

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There will be further dates and communication regarding visits and outings but these will be sent to specific groups. Watch out as well for SuperCamps and other events over the summer

We had a brilliant set of results for our LAMDA candidates, 8 distinctions and 7 merits in all!! Congratulations to all the children and Mrs. Dawson for preparing the children so well.

The school has again been awarded The Royal Society Partnership Grant for its Science project 'Plaster Disaster' with Year 6 and Queen Victoria Hospital. It is over £1,000 and it is the fourth time the school has achieved it!

Eco-school is flourishing! The orchards are blooming, hanging baskets growing, water butts collecting water and a vegetable plot flourishing! If any parents want to help on Friday afternoons, please let Mrs Rowberry know.

The hot weather is coming (hopefully) so don't forget that sun cream and hats are the order of the day when it is bright, warm and sunny. Please apply the sun cream at home, all day brands are available at chemists.

Can I remind parents of the following:

- We really do prefer it if parents park their cars in the spaces provided in the morning and bring their children into school and drop them off at the Sealy hall – it just makes the whole process that little bit safer.
- Children who attend clubs run by visiting staff, such as tennis and golf, should be collected from prep and not straight from the club – we need to always know where the children are.

Mrs Lawler has asked whether any parents would like to join the Friends' of Fonthill Committee. If you are interested please let either Mrs Lawler or me know.

Some of you will be aware that I invited two inspectors in last term to help us with our development work across all aspects of the school; this was not an official inspection however I would like to share some of their observations with you;

*'The progress learners make is above expectations for almost two thirds of pupils....the standards of attainment achieved are in line with or exceed age related expectations....pupils are eager to acquire knowledge and are interested and enthusiastic about their learning....teachers have warm relationships with the pupils; they know their individual circumstances well'.*

It is gratifying to know that all the children at Fonthill Lodge are on track and working to their potential but it is even more gratifying to see such a large proportion achieving beyond expectation.

Finally, I will be writing to you all shortly with the details of next year's arrangements regarding classes and staffing, we are all very busy preparing for another great year and in spite of stormy economic weather, the good ship Fonthill is in ship shape and Bristol fashion.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Simon Willcocks  
Headmaster

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# THE TEMPEST – TICKET REQUEST

Name..... Class.....

	No. of tickets
Wednesday, 30 <sup>th</sup> June – 2.00pm	
Thursday, 1 <sup>st</sup> July – 7.00pm	
Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> July – 7.00pm	

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