

GS/AS

14th January 2010

Dear Parents / Carers

"SPRING" TERM NEWSLETTER NO. 1

What a start to the New Year. I apologise for having to close the school for three days because of the snow. I did get here every day but had to make the decision based obviously on ensuring everybody's safety.

Anyway - Happy New Year! We welcome new staff - Mr Lally and Mrs Howarth to the teaching team on the senior side of the school and Miss Colvin, Mr Wills and Miss Smith to the support staff. We also welcome new pupils - Katie Banham, Tom Hills, Alan Lillington and Ethan Mathias. I hope they will be very happy with us.

OTHER NEWS

Please find attached the letter that the Lead Inspector has written to the pupils. It makes for good reading. We are very proud of our pupils - your children!

Colchester Carers' Centre - Information attached.

Christmas Shopping Evening - This event raised £431.20 for our school. Many thanks to all concerned.

For Sale - A brand new Pashley Add-1 bike - ideal for special needs children - 17" frame. £500. Contact no is 01206 835119 if you require further information.

DIARY DATES SO FAR

Saturday Club	30 th January, 27 th February and 27 th March 10am - 12 noon.
Friends' Meeting	Thursday 11 th February 7 pm
Half Term	Monday 15 th - Friday 19 th February
Year 11 Parents' Evening	Tuesday 23 rd February 4 - 6 pm
Easter Holiday	Friday 2 nd April - Friday 16 th April

I feel very confident that 2010 is our year and that we will be moving forward rapidly in trying to secure the best provision possible for our locality.

Yours sincerely

Gary Smith
Headteacher