

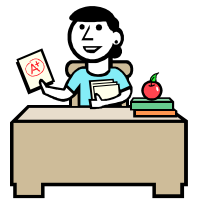
## FEBRUARY 2008 NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that everyone enjoyed the half-term holiday.

Teacher, Parent and Child Consultations 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> March 2008, 4:30 – 6:30pm

Thank you for letting teachers know the most convenient times for you to attend. The teachers have now finalised the arrangements for the appointments. You are invited to bring your child with you to the appointment. We suggest five minutes with the child and five minutes without. We aim to empower all children to become successful learners who enjoy learning and talk confidently about what they have achieved and what they need to do next. If you are unable to attend a consultation appointment next week, please contact the school office. We would like to talk to all parents about their child's progress.



### Koosa Kids After School Club

I am pleased to inform you that the long awaited after school pick-up service from The Pines School to the Area After School Club, which is based at Birch Hill School, is going to start on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April. The service will operate every school day and Koosa Kids will be utilising a brand new vehicle to transport the children to the club. At the After School Club the children will be provided with a snack and then have a choice of taking part in a variety of fun and entertaining games and activities up until you wish to collect your child. The club is open from school finish until 6pm. Places are limited on the pick-up service from The Pines School and will be strictly allocated on a first come first served basis. Watch out for more information flyers shortly. Information is also available at: <http://www.koosakids.co.uk>

### Kick Start



Mrs Stone and her Kick Start Team will be taking part in the Kick Start Festival on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March. They have been doing lots of practise for the event, and Mrs Stone has provided them with fantastic t-shirts. Kick Start for children in Years Three, Four, Five and Six is before school on Monday and Wednesday between 8:45am and 8:55am.

### Sainsburys Vouchers

The Pines School is collecting the Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers. They will be used to provide more PE and playtime equipment. The children are hugely enjoying using the playtime equipment provided by FOPS and by the Tesco vouchers.

## FOPS News



The next cake sale is on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Well done to all the children who took part in the Half-Term Activity Hunt, the entries are amazing.

## Attendance

I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Caroline Hearne, our new Attendance Officer, has reported that pupil attendance and reporting of absences have started to improve. Thanks to all the parents for letting us know promptly if their child is not going to be in due to illness.

## World Maths Day

World Maths Day is on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Children can take part at home or at school: <http://www.worldmathsday.com>

## Bracknell Bees

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> February players from the Bracknell Bees gave a very interesting talk on ice-hockey to the whole school.



## Before School Family Reading Club

Just a reminder that the club runs every morning from 8:20 – 8:50am in the Study Centre, for parents to sit and read with their children.

## Coffee Mornings / Health Drop-In



Our coffee mornings have now restarted. Please do join us for tea and coffee in the Community Room of the Lower Building on Tuesdays in term time between 8:50am and 9:50am. The School Nurse, Family Worker and Children's Information Centre Manager will be on hand to answer questions, and it gives you a great opportunity to meet other parents.

## Date for your diary

I N V I T A T I O N  
THE PINES SCHOOL OPEN EVENT  
WEDNESDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL  
A CELEBRATION OF LEARNING

I look forward to meeting you at the consultation evenings.

Yours sincerely,  
Kathleen Nugent