



Dates for your Diary

January 2012

30th - Governors Meeting 4pm

February 2012

1st - Drop In session with the School Nurse 2.30pm.

PTA will be serving coffee and cakes from 2.30 - 4pm

2nd - PTA meeting in school at 9am

10th - Break up for Half Term
returning to school on
Monday 20th February



ICT Club

ICT Club is £1 per week per child, cheques should be made payable to **Parwich Primary School**.

As this is an after school club it is not a voluntary donation and is payable upon attendance of your child should you wish to discuss this further please speak to Mrs Rodgers.

French Club

The last French Club before half term is 8th February, followed by a two week break, starting again on Wednesday 29 February.

If you would like more information please contact Sue Hughes on 01335 390334.

Welcome Back

A belated Happy New Year to all our school community and what a wonderful start it has been with all our children beginning the spring term benefiting from and rather enjoying the mild unseasonable weather, lets hope it continues particularly as we start Golden Mile again next week!

Please can parents ensure that children have their PE Kit in school everyday, a full uniform list is available in the prospectus on our school website.

NETBALL TOURNAMENT

This week our Netball team competed in a Tournament at QEGS. They played exceptionally well, and were placed fourth out of nine local primary schools. Well done to all who took part and a huge thank you to all the parents that transported the children and supported them during their matches.



SWIMMING - Junior Class



Can parents ensure that girls in KS2 do not wear tights on Monday when the class are swimming as some children



find it difficult to dress themselves after the lesson, can we also ask that spare underpants, knickers and socks are packed too. It would also help if children were able to dry themselves properly after being in the pool. Some of our younger children found this incredibly hard to do by themselves - please encourage your child to try this at home.

KS2 swimming started on Monday 9 January and will run for 5 weeks until half term. We will then be swimming again after Easter until the end of the Summer Term.

School Absence

Parents must avoid taking holidays in term time. Absence from school can be disruptive not only for the individual pupil but also for the pupil's whole class. Whilst there may be occasions when a pupil is unable to attend school e.g. due to illness, all other absences should therefore be kept to a minimum and if at all possible avoided. Parents **must** fill in a Holiday Request Form **prior** to their child being absent from school.

Regulations do, permit a Headteacher to agree to a request from a parent for a pupil to be granted 'leave of absence'. Under the regulations, approval for a child to be taken out of school during term time can only be granted by the Headteacher. Government guidance states that "Parents should not normally take pupils on holidays in term time" and "Schools can only agree to absence for a family holiday if they believe there are **exceptional circumstances** which warrant it".

The regulations make it quite clear, however, that parents do not have the right or an entitlement to take a child out of school for the purposes of a family holiday during term time. Parents should not therefore expect any request for leave to be automatically approved and in most cases such requests will be refused by the Headteacher.