

# NEWSLETTER

15<sup>th</sup> January 2010

## Free Computers for Parents

Home Access is a government drive which will help low-income families to get access to a computer and the internet to get online at home.

If you are a low income family in receipt of certain benefits you could qualify for a grant to buy a computer and/or a minimum of one years' internet access. The programme is aimed at those that need it most and targets families that do not have access to a computer or the internet at home.

Depending on what you need, the grant allows eligible applicants to buy one of the following packages:

1. Full package (a computer, one year's internet access, service and support)
2. A computer with service and support only
3. One year's internet access only.

## Are you eligible?

If you are a parent and think you are eligible for a Home Access grant simply call the Home Access Grant Helpline on **0333 200 1004** to get an application form.

### Quick eligibility check

Have a look at the eligibility requirements below. You may be able to qualify for a Home Access grant if you:

- Answer yes to three questions in Section one

AND

- Answer yes to at least one question in Section two.

### Section One:

Are you a parent or guardian responsible for and living with a child

who is in school years 3 to 9?

who attends a state-maintained school in England full time?

who has not already had a computer from a Home Access Grant or similar programme, such as Computers for Pupils?

### Section Two:

Do you receive at least one of the following?

- Free school meals for your child
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income support
- Child Tax Credit but not Working Tax Credit and an income of less than £16,040
- Guaranteed Pension Credit (not Savings Credit)
- Income-based Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.

If you need any further information then go to the local library or internet café and use their internet access to search [www.becta.org/homeaccess](http://www.becta.org/homeaccess)

## Coffee Mornings

The next coffee morning for parents will be on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January from 9.00am. It is hoped to continue to have regular coffee mornings/afternoons on the last Friday of each month. Everyone is welcome.

## Scarborough 2010

I am assuming that all Y6 children wishing to go on the residential trip have now paid their deposits. I shall now be finalising bookings for the various activities planned for that week based on the current numbers who have paid.

If your child wishes to go on the trip but has not yet paid a deposit then it must be paid in on Monday (the closing date for deposits was 11<sup>th</sup> December).

## Stranger Danger

I met with the local police this week and they have asked me to reiterate the Stranger Danger message to all children and parents. It is still very dark at the beginning and end of the school day. Children attending clubs **must** know the arrangements for being picked up from school afterwards.

## Dates for Your Diary:

### Spring Term 2010

Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	9.00am Coffee morning
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for Half Term
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Return
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Scholastic Book Orders Due
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Coffee afternoon
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Photographs
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parents Evenings
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Coffee morning
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Break up for Easter

### Summer term 2010

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Return
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	May Bank Holiday
w/c 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Key Stage 2 SATs week (Year 6)
w/c 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Assessments (Years 3, 4 and 5)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for Half Term
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	INSET Day
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Return
w/c 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Scarborough – Year 6 (provisional)
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last day of School Year