



ST. ANTHONY'S SCHOOL  
HAMPSTEAD

**Junior House Newsletter**  
**February 2012**

**Some additional dates for your diary:**

Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	Freshwater French Theatre visiting Years 1-4
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Author, Jill Murphy visiting boys in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Newly published author, Megan Peel visiting boys in Years 3 and 4 Book Fayre (Muswell Hill Children's Bookshop) in the hall from 15.00
Week beginning: Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Junior House themed week – The Olympics
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Dance show for parents of boys in Year 1 and 2
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Dance show for parents of boys in Year 3 and 5
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	British School of Falconry visiting the Junior House

**Book Week**

The week beginning Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February is designated 'Book Week' in the Junior House. The children will be taking part in all things 'bookish' and both Olivia and Kate have organized for authors to visit the school to talk to the boys (further information will be sent out after the half term holiday). Muswell Hill Children's Bookshop will be visiting the school on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March for those wishing to replenish their son's bookshelves.

**Dance shows**

Sadie has been teaching a unit of dance in Years 1, 2 and 3 this term, as well as running after-school dance hobbies for boys in Years 3 and 5. In order to give the parents of these boys an opportunity to see their sons perform, parents of boys in Year 1 and 2 are invited to a 'Dance Show' in the school hall on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March for a performance that will start at 14.45. Parents of boys in Year 3 are invited to come in, on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. The shows will last for approximately 30 minutes. On both afternoons, the Junior House gates will be opened at 14.30.

## Administration of medication

Parents wishing the school to administer medication to their sons during the course of the school day need to adhere to the school's medicines policy which states:

*Parents should keep children at home when they are unwell or infectious. However, there may be times when a child is well enough to attend school, but requires medication on a short-term basis. In these circumstances, parents should either obtain an 'Authorisation for Medication to be Administered form' from the Junior or Senior secretaries or write a letter to the Head of House, giving permission for the school to administer the medicine and detailing the following:*

- *Name of the child;*
- *Name of the medicine;*
- *Dose;*
- *Method of administration;*
- *Any side effects;*
- *Expiry date.*

*The school will ensure that teachers who volunteer to administer medicine have received appropriate training and that the school's insurance arrangements provide full cover for staff acting within the scope of their employment.*

*Any medication should be clearly labelled with the pupil's name and the dosage amount and frequency. **It should be supplied in the original container in which it was dispensed and the prescriber's instructions should be included.** The medication should be handed to the pupil's form teacher or to the Junior or Senior House secretary. In Reception, the medication should be handed to the form teacher or classroom assistant. Pupils will be given a note at the end of the school day detailing any medication that has been administered. The school also keeps a record in the medical record book of any medication that is administered to pupils. The school will ensure that any prescribed medicines are stored correctly, as advised on the bottle or packet, for example in a refrigerator.*

***Staff are unable to administer any medicine to pupils unless the above procedure is followed.*** *If a child becomes unwell during the day and requires medication other than medication sent to school using the procedure outlined in this policy, the child will need to be collected from the school by their parent or guardian. No child will be given medicine containing aspirin, unless it has been prescribed for that child by a doctor.*

## Off Games

Any requests for children not to attend timetabled games sessions (including swimming) should be put in writing to your son's form teacher.

## Headlice

Please can parents check their son's head for these bothersome little creatures over the half term holiday and treat any infestations before the end of the half-term break.

## **Chicken Pox**

Following several cases in Junior House, the following link was sent, via e-mail, to all of our parents.

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/pages/introduction.aspx>

Please be vigilant if your son develops any of the symptoms which can characterise the onset of chicken pox and, if your son does develop chicken pox, please keep him away from school until the last blister has crusted over.

## **Requests for absence**

Please note that requests for absence should be made to the Headmaster, in writing. They must be in the form of a request rather than a statement otherwise the absence is unauthorized.

## **Term Dates: 2012 – 2013**

These have now been posted on the school website under the “Parents” tab.