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Dear Parents

Can you help the Police?

Unfortunately, between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Wednesday evening, a car belonging to one of our parents was broken into in Langstone Way whilst the parent was at a meeting in school. The thief or thieves smashed one of the car windows to gain access and the police are requesting that if anyone saw or heard anything that evening to please contact them at Gable Cross Police Station, dial telephone number 101. You are to ask for PC, No. 1259 Taylor and quote 'operation pinnacle'. Whilst on the subject of burglaries, please be aware that we are getting quite a few reports of both house and car break-ins at the moment so there is a real need to be vigilant, to make sure doors are locked and that nothing of value is on view within cars.

Sainsbury's 'Active Kids' Vouchers.

Sainsbury's are to restart their Active Kids voucher scheme again from 15th February to the 10th April. Vouchers will be available from Sainsbury's stores, petrol stations and with on-line groceries and these can be exchanged for a host of sporting, cooking or gardening resources. There will be a voucher collection box in the front school office and we will be very very grateful indeed for as many vouchers as possible. In the past school have benefited greatly from the Active Kids vouchers, so please do ask family, friends, colleagues and neighbours to start collecting on our behalf from the 15th.

Important information for Y5 parents.

Our Y5 children have been invited next Tuesday, 7th February to a production of 'We Will Rock You' at Greendown Secondary School to be held in their drama studio at 1.00 p.m. Transport is being laid on by Greendown, but the children will need to leave Westlea at about 12.40 p.m. Therefore, there will be insufficient time to allow all the Y5 children who normally have school dinners to have them before leaving for Greendown. Consequently, we are asking all Y5 children, other than those entitled to free school dinners, to bring a packed lunch on that day. However, children who normally have a free school meal can still do so as they can be served first in the dining room and be taken to Greendown on the last shuttle. The production is due to finish at approximately 3.10 p.m. and then the children will be shuttled back to school again in the Greendown minibuses. Please be patient though as some of the Y5's may not get back to school until just after 3.30 p.m. If it is vital for your children to be back here by 3.30 p.m. – maybe because you have to go to work, or have some appointment that needs to be kept – then please let Mr James or Mrs Neale know so that we can organise for your child to be on the first shuttle back to Westlea.

Important information for Y5 parents.

Following a meeting at school last Wednesday evening about the forthcoming Y6 residential visit to France, the question was raised as to whether the Y6 visit goes ahead as planned at the end of this September/early October 2012, or whether parents felt it appropriate to postpone until June 2013 when the children will have finished their KS2 Statutory Tests and are in their final term at Westlea. The price in September of this year is approximately £260 for the four day visit, whereas it does rise quite considerably to £320 next June. However, it does give you almost a year longer to save up for the visit. We are anxious to hear parent views and will be sending out a return slip early next week in respect of this.

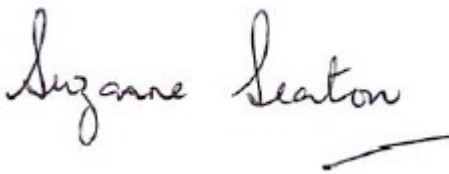
Y3/4 & Y5/6 Cross Country Run

Greendown Secondary School are hosting a Y3/4 and Y5/6 Cross Country Competition next Tuesday, 7th February at 3.30 p.m. Mr James and Mr Edmonds have selected a team of twenty children to represent our school. The Y5's will already be at Greendown but the Y3/4 and the Y6's will leave Westlea just before 3.00 p.m. We can transport children to Greendown, but ask that parents collect their children from Greendown after the event. Should this cause difficulties for anybody, then you are asked to let Mr James know as soon as possible. More detailed information will be sent out to you on Monday.

Finally, I cannot believe that we are again nearing the end of another term. It is quite frightening how fast time flies! . I Hope you have all signed up for a parent interview with your child's class teacher and will be able to come along and not only find out how your child is doing this term, but also be able to sample some of the food that hopefully will be served to your children in the form of school dinners from Monday, 20th February onwards.

Don't forget school finishes next Thursday, 9th February at 3.30 p.m., as Friday, 10th February is a Teaching Training Day

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher