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**Newsletter** no 18

**Feb 5**  
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## What do Parents think?

### To text or not to text?

- Very, very strong support for a text service alerting parents of both emergency closures and a limited number of reminders of key events over the school year. Working with the Infant School (who are interested in a similar scheme) will take this forward after the holiday break.
- General agreement that just putting newsletters on the website probably means they wouldn't be as widely read. There was not enough support to only for email newsletters so..
  1. We will produce newsletters fortnightly not weekly and give out paper copies to everyone.
  2. We will continue to update the website **every** Friday . As well as key information, dates, events etc, we will put up 'Recent Letters Home' with a hyper-link so these can be downloaded.
- There are now (there weren't a few years ago) clearly enough parents who are interested in both before and after school child-care provision. The Infant School has a spare classroom and both schools will work with the Local Authority to produce a detailed feasibility plan.

Next: Feedback on Homework!

### Dates for your Diary

Feb 12 Last day of Term 3

Feb 22 Term 4 starts.

March 31 Easter Service TBC

March 31 Last day of Term 4

### The Highwayman



Year 5 Literacy groups gave two, dramatic readings of the poem-story 'The Highwayman' to an audience of children and parents.  
 Photo on website

## **Menu Change: Thursday Feb 11.**

Pancake Day Menu. Hot dogs or veg hot dogs. Sauté or Jacket potatoes, carrots, peas & sweetcorn. Followed by **Pancake** with different toppings; ice-cream, lemon, sugar fruit etc)



### Athletics.

School team have won through to the Regional finals at UWE, March 2.

### Football.

School team beat Baileys Court 4-1 to secure a place in the cup semi-finals.

The girls team lost 4-1 against Cadbury Heath

### Swimming:

A School team will be taking part in the Gala on Sat 27 Feb.

**A big thanks to Ms Watkins for co-ordinating PE & Sport and our coaches, Ms Fry, Mr Garrett and Mr Kelly, and to all parent supporters and helpers.**

**Good Luck & Bon Voyage** to Mrs Elliott, Ms Pickering, Mr Robbins (chair of Governors) and the Church team who are going to South Africa next week.

Making links with Dihlabang Primary School (South Africa) meaningful for children in this school is a really exciting challenge!

