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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Half term is upon us so quickly. This week flew by. The production of *The Keymaster* was a resounding success. Our first evening performance went well and we were completely sold out – and demand for tickets certainly outstripped supply, much to our surprise and delight. I would like to thank all parents and staff for their massive support during this venture. Yet again everyone rose to the challenge. Special thanks go to Amanda Ingham, Davidson Bishop, Jill Finnigan and Molly Cordeiro who put so much energy and time into the show. I would be remiss if I did not thank and congratulate all the Y4 – Y6 children involved as well. Some had bigger parts than others but all were an integral part of the production. I am looking forward to the quality of acting, dancing and singing we will have in next year's show - looking at our current Y4 and Y5 pupils I know they will do us proud (as long as I can persuade the teachers to continue with this new endeavour). For those parents who asked how children get the larger parts in the play - each year a club is run for Y5 and Y6 pupils (usually on a Tuesday after school) and the children who sign up for this club are given the main parts on stage after auditions. Choir takes place one lunchtime a week and all Y4 – Y6 pupils who are interested in being involved are welcome to attend.

On Saturday three of our boys took part in the All Star football event. Playing for West End they all played well according to Mr. Mark Thorne (Head of PE) who was at the event. However regardless of all their hard work West End were beaten by East End this year. Congratulations to Sajan, Senoj and Rory for a good game.

On Sunday there was a fantastic turnout of primary pupils for the Butterfield and Vallis race. Our boys were victorious in the standings over all and our girls did very well as well but were rather short of numbers in order to get us to place – hopefully next year more girls will 'have a go' at this event.

Today the Primary Inter-school cross country event takes place and I am writing this email on Friday morning as I will be at this event for the remainder of the day. A full report on the event will go in to our first Friday email next half term.

At this point I would like to say 'Thank you,' to BF& M as they have donated 5 large umbrellas to the Primary department for end of day duty teachers on rainy days. Hopefully this will help speed up dismissal on miserable days.

We have had queries from parents as to what our school stock room holds – so at the end of this newsletter please find our stock list and prices:

Have a wonderful half term (although I now many of you will have to work through it) – don't forget if you have signed your Y3 or Y4 child up for the Valentines Party this is taking place on the first Monday back (3.25pm – 4.45pm) remember to make a note of this in your agenda so you know what time to pick your child up.

I hope to see a number of you at the PALs walk this weekend – I will be there with The Warwick Bear, my dog and my daughter (a real family affair) – although I am not convinced I will manage the full distance.

Maria Woods

CONGRATULATIONS

In this section of the newsletter we will mention children who have done well in school organised competitions or external competitions entered by the school. Individual successes are now celebrated in Lower Primary and Upper Primary Assemblies and trophies, certificates, letters etc can be brought in to show during these assemblies on a weekly basis.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

This award is given to a child that has made good progress in their work, or has done particularly well in a particular subject area or on a specific task.

Achievement Award Winners for last week:

Katya Williamson, Imara Richardson, Luke Hansford-Smith, Fiachra McDonnell, David Goonewardene, Finn Moseley, Taylor Crichlow, Benjamin Jones, Aidan Cassidy, Ellie Cordeiro, Brett Smith, Zebedee Wakely

CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

This award is given to a child who is following the Golden Rules (We are gentle, We are kind and helpful, We listen, We are honest, We work hard, We look after property) and is showing his/her teachers that he/she is a good citizen.

Citizenship Award Winners for last week:

Flynn Watson-Brown, Milahn Powell, Drew Smith, Noah Bothello, Isaiah Hayward, Amari Trott, Mia Hazlewood, Sawyer Bosley, Liam Flannery, Jaiden Hill, Chiara Marshall, Justin Smith

PE NEWS

Butterfield and Vallis 2.7K/5K race – report submitted by Jill Finnigan

On Sunday February 5th Warwick Academy were well represented in the Butterfield and Vallis 2.7K/5K. It was wonderful to see so many 350th shirts and lots of determined and keen participants. The course is quite challenging and everyone did a great job, well done.

Primary School Boys

1st Sajan Harvey
4th Alex Pilgrim
10th Jude Mosley
12th Nick Pilgrim
20th Viggo Jabon
37th Caleb Ingham
38th Finn Moseley
45th Dimitri Gugliemucci
47th Jackson McDonald
48th Adam McDonald

Primary School Girls

3rd Holly Bruton
4th Jessica Bruton
8th Brianna Mawer
11th Mika Woods

Middle School Boys

1st David Darrell
14th Isaiah Rickards

Middle School Girls

3rd Paige Bruton
6th Macey Aicardi

High School Boys (5K)

2nd Justin Ferreira
4th Luke Green

High School Girls (5K)

1st Gabby Arnold
3rd Kamryn Minors

Walkers (5K)

9th India Wilson
Mrs. Williamson
David McDonald

Also a number of younger pupils completed the walk with their parents, Sam, Chloe and Katya Williamson, Alex and James Luckman.

Adult runners

The Warwick Bear
Mrs. Souza
Mrs. Ferreira
Mrs Finnigan

Good luck goes to Sajan Harvey this weekend as he competes in the United Age Group Track Coaches Association's Indoor Track Meet on Saturday, February 11th in Philadelphia!

Library News:

Birthday Book Presentation:

Please be advised that our next Birthday Book Presentation will take place on March 5th, 2012 for Lower Primary and March 8th, 2012 for Upper Primary. If you wish to acknowledge your child's special day by donating money towards our Library collection, please go to www.funds4books.com, enter the School Code: **6d34** and follow the instructions on the screen. Alternatively, please click on the Funds4books tab at the bottom of www.warwickacad.bm homepage. Our heartfelt gratitude goes to parents and relatives who have contributed to our fundraiser this year.

Library lessons:

Mr. Sutherland and I have joined forces to ensure that our Upper Primary students are familiar with the various research tools available to them at school. While Upper Primary students have been introduced to Britannica Online (digital version of the print encyclopedia) and EbscoHost, a full-text bibliographic database, during Library lessons, Mr. Sutherland have reinforced their use during IT sessions. Both tools are bookmarked on each PC in the Primary Computer lab and they can also be accessed from home. For Britannica Online, please visit <http://school.eb.com/elementary> and enter username: warwick, password: academy. For EbscoHost, please go to <http://search.ebscohost.com>, select Kids Search and enter username: bermuda, password: wa.

Outstanding Library Books:

May I ask you to take advantage of the February break to look for any outstanding Library book which you may have at home. I would also like to remind you that Library books should be returned to school no later than the morning of your child's set Library day. Thanks for your cooperation.

UPCOMING EVENT

Argus Walk – Sunday Feb 26th

Please consider joining us on the Argus 5K walk on Sunday, February 26. You can sign up for the walk at www.centreonphilanthropy.org website. We are walking to raise funds for the Warwick Academy Foundation.

The registration fee for the walk is \$25, and \$20 of that will go directly to Warwick Academy.

Be sure to enter Warwick Academy as your team name – if you don't Warwick will not receive your donation. If you are a student be sure to pick your 350th Anniversary t-shirts. For parent and Alumni, we have them to purchase here at the school. \$10 for cotton and \$18 for Dri-weave. Please come out and support our school and help raise money for the school. See you there.

SCHOOL EVENTS AND DEADLINES COMING UP:

TERM 2

Monday 20th Feb – Start of the second half of Term 2.

Friday 9th March – Progress Reports sent home

Wednesday 21st March – first date for Optional PTCs (teachers may request a meeting or parents may request a meeting if they feel it is necessary after having seen their child's Progress Report)

Monday 26th March – second date for Optional PTCs

Thursday 29th March – Easter Competition (am). Kite flying (pm) – GRUB day in aid of B.A.S.E.

Friday 30th March – End of Term (1/2 day)

Friday 30th March – Y6 ski trip leaves

Tuesday 17th April – First day of Term 3 for pupils

Friday 20th April – Holiday – *Annual Exhibition*

CLASS ASSEMBLIES (parents of the children in that class are welcome to attend)

Lower Primary

Monday 27th February – Y2F

Upper Primary

Thursday February 23rd – Y5E

CLOTHING MART

Saturday, February 11th & Sunday the 12th – Receiving days @ 9 – 5 p.m.

Tuesday, February 14th Clothing Mart Worker's Sale @ 10 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Wednesday, February 15th Clothing Mart Public Sale 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Thursday, February 16th Clothing Mart Public Sale 12 – 5 p.m.

Friday, February 17th Clothing Mart Public Sale 12 – 5 p.m.

Saturday, February 18th Clothing Mart Public Sale (1/2 price day) 12 – 5 p.m.

Sunday, February 20th Clothing Mart Clear-up 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Collection after 1 p.m. and \$3 Bag Sale from 3 – 5 p.m.

We are still seeking volunteers, please contact Lynne Fisher 238-0434 if you are interested in consigning or volunteering. Plastic and brown shopping bags are also needed. Drop off to the Main school office.

EXTERNAL EVENTS /ACTIVITIES

Family Center – Celebrate The Night event

The Family Centre will be holding a FUN - fundraising event - on **Saturday, March 3rd**, from 7pm-11:30pm at Fourways Inn featuring a variety of entertainment including dancing on the patio (to tunes we all know!), a piano bar, and stand-up comedians. The ticket price is \$50.00 and includes food. Contact The Family Center for more information.

Primary Stockroom items

PE/House Shirts	\$10
PE Shorts	\$12
Hats	\$10
Ties	\$11
Swim suits	\$40 limited sizes -Students may wear plain navy or black
Swim shorts	\$30 limited sizes - Students may wear plain navy or black (no long / baggy styles please)
Jammers	\$30 limited sizes -Students may wear plain navy or black
Swim caps	\$8
PE bag	\$15
Sweat tops	\$18