## IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ

**Greetings Easter Gatherer!** 

Easter 2013 is a long weekend, beginning lunchtime on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March and finishing after breakfast on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.



There is another fun-packed programme of events and activities taking place throughout the weekend and hopefully there is something for everyone! One new item on the programme this year is "Desert Island Books" with your President, Joyzelle Kelsall – have you ever listened to Desert Island Discs and wondered which book you would choose to take to your desert island? This Easter is your chance to promote your favourite book to other readers and to gather a fund of recommended books to add to your own reading list. If you fancy coming along to this activity at Easter, please bring your book with you, be prepared to say a few words about it and the reasons why you have chosen it (not too many!) and to read out a couple of paragraphs. Joyzelle is looking forward to hearing all your choices!

We also have 3 big reunions this year so if you were at school during the following years, please make contact with the following people for more details:

1966-1973 – Janet Blann – janet.blann@gmail.com / 07963 816555

1968-1975 - Chris Robinson - grandadbuck@btopenworld.com

1956-1963 - Anne Telford-Kenyon - anne@burnsmead.co.uk / 01229 869363

The final programme can be posted to you before Easter if you send a **Stamped Addressed Envelope** to me at 5 Bracken Crescent, Bishopstoke, Hants. SO50 8ND, or I can email an electronic version if you email to request it — <u>aosaeaster@yahoo.co.uk</u>. It will also be posted on the AOSA website www.aosa.org.uk/easter.htm before Easter.

As usual, we will be agreeing with school before Easter the maximum numbers of portions to be served at each meal and these figures will be based on the numbers who have booked in 10 days before the weekend. Therefore if you are coming to Easter as a day visitor and wish to eat in school, please make sure that you book your meals in advance as there may be no extra meals available. All those who have pre-booked meals will be admitted into the dining rooms first – those who have not booked in advance may still be able to eat, but will have to wait until everyone else has been served and take the chance that they may not have much choice of meal, if any at all. Unfortunately the facility for day visitors to book meals on the day imposes an economic and logistical burden that the Easter Gathering can no longer bear.

Please remember to bring your smart clothes if you are eating in school on Saturday evening. The format for this meal will be slightly different again, but we still invite you to dress smartly, bring your own wine, and enjoy an exclusive three course meal.

This year's Presidents, Stephen and Joyzelle, look forward to meeting you in Centre Library for the Presidents' Welcome at 5pm on Good Friday.

We look forward to seeing you! With Best Wishes, Sal and the Easter Team