

**Hallo!**

It doesn't seem five minutes since I was doing the last newsletter – where has the time gone? But, then I look at the list of the things to mention in this newsletter, and I am a bit overwhelmed by all the things the children have done.

Not least, our Year 7s group – **Squinks** – now have their own **YouTube channel** which is a very new and exciting departure for us. They have already uploaded some short videos there – please take a look at [www.youtube.com/channel/UCHeFbsHWHP8By2\\_GTIr2\\_Iw/featured](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCHeFbsHWHP8By2_GTIr2_Iw/featured)

Lots of the children have been doing projects together and it always makes me very proud to see them settling down and working on a collage or story together. Hearing their ideas and plans and then seeing these come to fruition is a joy. Creativity abounds at **Inkpots!**

Another lovely event was our February workshop. It was a really fun and vibrant morning and everyone enjoyed themselves. It was particularly lovely to see Alice who used to go to our Manor Field group. She and her family moved to Durham last year but they were back in the area for a visit so she was able to join us. It was as if Alice had never been away – once an **Inkpot**, always an Inkpot, we say!

**Thank you as ever for all your support and hope that you have a lovely Easter break** – may the next few months bring sunshine and happiness.

*Gill x*



## Inkpots in the Martlets Hall

We are delighted to say that we have collaborated with

**Burgess Hill Town Centre**

**Partnership** to run some mini

workshops in the Martlets Hall,

in the foyer by the library during the

Easter holidays. These will run through the

day on **1 and 8 April, for 45 minutes**

**each and cost £5\*** – so we will do lots

of different and quick activities with loads

of ideas for carrying on the creativity.



We have giveaway goodies too!

This is also a chance for the adults to do a bit of shopping or grab a coffee while the workshops are on as well!

**More details are available at**

[www.inkpots.org/wordpress/inkpots-in-the-martlets/](http://www.inkpots.org/wordpress/inkpots-in-the-martlets/)

\* Bookings can also be made via Gill as usual.

### Online Inkpots

Thanks to our ingenious designer Jane, we now are able to offer **online payments** for some of our workshops and those after school clubs where we deal with payments. We hope that those parents who wish to use this method of payment find it useful. But we still are able to offer direct payments into our bank account and happily accept cheques and cash too.

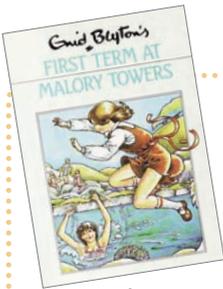


**To join us in the creativity, give us a call on 01444 239548**



## Welcome to the Inkpots teddy bears!

A very welcome addition the Inkpots shop has been the arrival of our very own teddy bears! These very lovely bears come with a choice of different colour t-shirts – and are proving to be really popular. So much so that they have inspired us to arrange a **teddy bears picnic**. The final date is yet to be agreed but it will be in St John's Park – probably at May half term. Further details will follow but please come and join us for a fun afternoon – **and all teddy bears are welcome!**



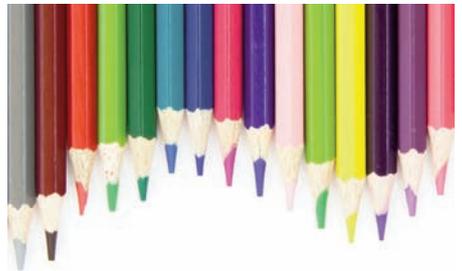
## Malory Towers workshop

It was delightful to hear recently that some of our children have read – and thoroughly enjoyed – the **Enid Blyton Malory Towers books**. So, we're taking the plunge and are going to have a

**MT-themed** workshop on **7 April** at Southway Junior School from 10 – 12 noon. We'll be having the equivalent of a midnight supper, lashings of fun and a jolly good hoot! There are a few places left so do contact Gill if you would like to reserve a place.

### Inkpots shop

Another innovation this term has been the addition of the **online shop** on the website. We will be slowly adding items to the shop – starting with some stationery items in the next few weeks. Our children are always involved in the designs – which may slow things up a little, but it's imperative for us to get their feedback. [www.inkpots.org/wordpress/shop/](http://www.inkpots.org/wordpress/shop/)



## Top ten writing tips

Nestling on our website for the last year, our very useful set of hints is ideal for helping our young creatives with their story telling. Recently, we have added a downloadable pdf which can be printed out – and kept to hand. [www.inkpots.org/wordpress/top-ten-writing-tips/](http://www.inkpots.org/wordpress/top-ten-writing-tips/)

## Happy Easter birthdays

**Max** has his birthday on 1 April – happy birthday Max



## Please follow us

**Inkpots** has three social media platforms – **Facebook**, **Twitter** and **Instagram** – which we use on a regular basis. We post photos and updates from our workshops plus news on books, authors, artists and writing. We are aiming to increase the number of followers – especially on **Facebook**, so that we will get more recognition on a Google search. **Please help by following us if you don't already. Thank you very much!**



## Back to Inkpots

Please note that we will be returning to the after school clubs on the following dates:

- 14 April** – Southway Junior
- 18 April** – Bolnore Village Primary
- 20 April** – Manor Field Primary
- 22 April** – London Mead Primary/Squinks group

We'll also be returning to **Warden Park Primary Academy** on 3 May for another six week course.

*Upcoming events*  
There are plans afoot for some trips out and about over the next few months – *more details will be available soon.*

**Thank You!**

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