

# Mangotsfield Primary School

## Newsletter, Friday 11th July 2008

### From the Head

#### **Enrichment Afternoons**

The school Enrichment afternoons which were introduced in April 2007 have continued to provide the children with a range of interesting and enjoyable activities. We are currently running 4 activities across the school including Music, Current Affairs/News, French, and Problem Solving and I am delighted to say that these will continue from September.

Unfortunately, Mrs Julie Davies who has been doing such a brilliant job with French is no longer able to carry on after the end of this term. However the school has been able to employ two new members of staff to continue the good work; Mrs Diane Morris will be teaching French to Years 1 & 2 and Years 3 & 4 on Monday and Wednesday afternoons; and Mrs Andrea Lewis will be taking Year 5 & 6 French on Tuesdays. My sincere gratitude to Julie Davies for all her excellent work over the past 15 months. She has helped to make French interesting, enjoyable and fun for the children and provided the school with an excellent foundation on which to further develop and strengthen children's knowledge and understanding of foreign languages.

The two new French teachers will be joining a very effective and hard working team headed by Mrs Joyce Richards, our Enrichment Coordinator. Joyce is brilliant at timetabling and logistics and has been instrumental in ensuring the Enrichment programme runs smoothly and efficiently. She will continue to teach Problem Solving skills to the children during Enrichment afternoons. In addition, Mrs Tracy Twomey will be teaching News to KS1 and discussing Current Affairs with the older children. Tracy is very enthusiastic and keen to develop different activities to engage the children so I wouldn't be surprised if comes up with another great idea very soon! Last but certainly not least we have our wonderful music teacher, Mrs Patricia Kidger who has agreed to remain with the school for at least another year and has also agreed to take on the role of school Music Coordinator. Patricia is a fantastic asset for the school with boundless energy and enthusiasm for her specialism - even organising today's singing Assembly which was a great success! Many thanks to all members of the Enrichment team.

### School Events & Notices

#### **Meet The Teacher**

If you would like an opportunity to meet your child's teacher for next year please pop in to school between 3.30pm and 4.00pm on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> July for a chat. At the time of writing we cannot guarantee that all new members of staff will be available on Monday however if any teacher is unable to attend we will endeavour to arrange a separate meeting time before the end of term.

#### **Lost Items**

James Winter from Y5 Chestnut Class has lost his Blade double pencil case which has a Doctor Who logo on it. It has lots of pens and pencils including one from Bath Spa University and 'Aqua Polis'. James is really upset because it contains many of his favourite pens and pencils so he would appreciate it very much if someone finds it and returns it to him. Would parents check at home in case anyone has taken it by mistake – it can be returned either to James directly or left at the office.

Rhys Garty has lost his black rucksack which contains white Next trainers; a Next navy tracksuit; a yellow polo shirt; and Next navy shorts, all of which are named. Please could you ask your child to double check their rucksacks and return if found. Thank you.

#### **Eco Club**

Mrs Flarey and Miss Robbins were so impressed by all of the logo designs for the Eco Club competition. We found it very difficult to decide who would be on the Eco Committee this year. If children were not successful on this occasion, there will be many other opportunities for them to be involved next year and will also be opportunities to join additional Eco committees in the future. On Thursday, we took the Eco committee to an Eco fair at Mangotsfield Secondary School. The children made us proud! They behaved beautifully and also picked up lots of ideas that we can think about to make our own school 'greener'... watch this space!

#### **Ink Cartridges and Mobile Phones**

As part of our bid to go 'greener', we are now collecting used ink, toner and printer cartridges and old mobile phones. We have found a company that will collect and recycle these and give the school money in exchange. If you have any of the above, please put them in the box in the foyer of school and we will organise for them to be collected. Thank you.

#### **Non-School Uniform Day – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> August, Mrs Flarey will be undertaking the 3 Peaks Challenge. This involves climbing Ben Nevis, Scotland, Scafell Pike, England and Snowdon, Wales in 24 hours. She will be doing it in an effort to raise enough money for Dr Ashery of Murgwanza Hospital, Tanzania to train in corrective surgery for women suffering with obstetric fistula. The condition is a hole in the birth canal caused by prolonged labour. Without prompt medical attention, usually a Caesarean section, the women are left with chronic incontinence, they are socially ostracised and, in most cases, the baby does not survive. On Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July, we are asking children to come to school in their own clothes at a cost of £1, which will go directly to Dr Ashery's training. Thank you so much for your support.

## **Afterschool Clubs**

Please note that all afterschool clubs will finish next week. There will be no Rugby club next week.

## **Vouchers**

Thank you for all your support in collecting the Tesco, Sainsbury's vouchers. We have now sent them all off and the children will be able to use all the new resources bought next year.

## **Important Dates for your diary**

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Meet your teacher

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – The Ridings Secondary School Induction Day

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Non-uniform Day

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Production of the Lion King at 1.45pm and 7pm

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Elm Class Assembly at 9.15am

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Teddy Bears Picnic for Key Stage 1

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Key Stage 1 Music Festival

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Summertime Fun Event from 4.30pm – 6.30pm

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Leavers Assembly at 9.15am

# **FOMPS & Community**

## **FOMPS - Sound System Phase 2**

It is with pleasure that FOMPS can report that the second phase of the sound system upgrade has been implemented. The first phase took place last year with the upgrade of the PA system and yesterday Technical Hire installed new speakers to the rear of the hall along with setting up one lapel and three wireless microphones at a cost of approx. £1,900.00. This means that you will now be able to hear your children more clearly during future school assemblies and productions. Thank you to Technical Hire who have also kindly donated three microphone stands. We are also in discussion with Technical Hire at the possibility of having drop down ceiling microphones installed at a later date during the year so watch this space!

The Year 6's will be the first group to use these microphones for their leavers play 'The Lion King' and we wish them all the very best with this production and wish them well for the future. Equipment like this cannot be purchased without the commitment of parents, teachers, children and the community to help FOMPS with ongoing fundraising. It may seem like we are always asking you for money whether it be by attending an event or purchasing Christmas Cards (yes, it nearly is that time already!) and although fundraising is hard work it is also fun and extremely rewarding when we can provide and update equipment such as the sound system which will be a wonderful addition to the school and will enhance the childrens' productions.

## **Ladies' Night 14<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

Ladies a date for your diary! Back by popular demand, the FOMPS will be hosting a Ladies' Night 14<sup>th</sup> November 7pm to 10pm. Last year's evening was a great success and we hope to make this event equally as successful. This year treatment bookings will be taken on the evening only. Tickets will be sold when we return from the October break after school at the buddy bench for £3 each, or on the night at £3.50 (save some money and get your tickets early). Hope to see you all there!

If you are a trader/therapist and would like a table please email me [caroline.brittain@sky.com](mailto:caroline.brittain@sky.com) for a form, however there are limited spaces. To ensure the variety which was evident last year, we will keep the rule of one stall for each product type. Therefore bookings will be taken on a first come first served basis.

If you may be able to help with the distribution of leaflets during October around Emersons Green please get in touch with me on my email address above. (Caroline Brittain FOMPS)

## **Primary Praise – 20<sup>th</sup> July**

On Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> July "Primary Praise" takes place once again in Mangotsfield Primary School hall from 9.30am – 10.00am. "Primary Praise" is a service for primary school children and their families. Led by a team from St James Church. It includes videos, songs, activities and refreshments. This month's topic is "Creation". All are welcome, so please come along we are looking forward to meeting you. (Rev Steve Abbott)

## **Safer Stronger Community Group**

You are warmly invited to the next meeting of this group to be held on Wednesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September at 7pm at Emersons Green Library. The aims of these groups are to promote pride in the area in which we live, work and play, to ensure people feel safe and to reduce crime, disorder, drug and alcohol misuse. The group is a way for people to speak out and be heard about problems within their community which they feel should be prioritised. Safer Stronger community groups are not police led; many agencies should be involved to tackle a wide range of concerns, for instance, the membership of the Police, Local Authority, Parish Council, Fire and Rescue Service and Primary care Trust should ensure a balanced representation. Issues raised at the previous meeting of this group, held at Bromley Heath Junior School in May, included anti social behavior, speeding, the proposed changes in local bus services and the vandalism of bins. Attendees will receive an update on progress made regarding some of these matters at the next meeting in September. We hope to see you there.



**Team Read; Don't just sit there – get reading**

Every library in South Gloucestershire will be taking part in this year's exciting reading challenge for children – Team Read. Join in the sports buzz this summer as the Olympics are celebrated in Beijing by calling into any library after July 19th to sign up and collect your membership card and poster. Your challenge over the summer is to read 6 books and achieve your gold medal. Along the way there are stickers and other goodies to collect. Libraries will also be offering free drop-in activity sessions with puzzles and games and helping children choose top reads from the thousands of books available. Check out the website for details from July onwards [www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/libraries) or contact the libraries on 01454 868006

**Mangotsfield Summer Club**

The Mangotsfield Out of School Club will be running a Summer Club for pupils from Mangotsfield and Emersons Green Primary Schools between 28<sup>th</sup> July and 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Sessions are available from 7.30am – 6pm, and parents may book half day (£10.50) or whole day (£20) sessions. Children are provided with a range of activities to entertain them throughout the week, including: craft; sporting activities; bouncy castle; computer games etc. The Summer Club will be held at Mangotsfield Primary School this year. If you would like more information, please contact Kate Cole on 07872 622942.

**Avon Valley Railway tickets**

We have been sent a number of Summertime Special Discount Vouchers from Avon Valley Railway offering one child travels free with each paying adult. If you would like to take advantage of this offer then please pop to the office and collect a ticket. Please note that this will be on a first come first serve basis.

Yours sincerely

Mark Cripps  
Headteacher

# SUMMERTIME FUN!

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