

Mangotsfield Primary School

Newsletter, Friday 20th June 2008

From the Head

Love of Learning

Our Reception children have both held their class assemblies during the past two weeks – Apple last Friday (13th June) and Cherry today, 20th June and on both occasions I have been delighted by the enthusiasm they have displayed in sharing their work with the rest of the school and with the high level of confidence they have displayed in front of other children and adults. It is obvious that children in both Reception classes are thoroughly enjoying their education and this enthusiasm for learning is crucial in terms of pupils' future educational success and economic wellbeing. Well done to the Early Years' Team (Mrs Haines, Mrs Flarey, Mrs Cox and Mrs Nash) for all the hard work and dedication to developing such successful learners.

Writing Success

One of our Ofsted targets following the inspection last October, was to enhance writing throughout the school. As part of this process we introduced the National Letters and Sounds strategy in KS1 earlier this year, aimed at enhancing children's reading, writing and spelling through the use of synthetic phonics. I believe this is already beginning to have a very positive impact and have been extremely impressed and excited by the quality of work being produced by the Year 1 and Year 2 children. The children are developing an even greater enthusiasm for writing and some of the work I have seen has been just brilliant. However I think Alexander Hare (Year 1 Walnut) deserves a special mention for producing a simply fabulous holiday diary - complete with photos! My sincere thanks to all the staff who are working so hard to develop the children's writing skills.

School Events & Notices

Pupil Absence

Please remember to call the school office on the first day of your child being absence. If they are out for more than two days then please call and let us know that they are still unwell.

Request for absence forms are available from foyer and need to be completed for all types of absence other than illness. These need to be completed prior to the dates requested and all requests are approved at the Headteacher's discretion.

Sports Day

As the weather is rather unpredictable at the moment, if you are unsure if sports day is going ahead, please check our school website from Monday.

Lost Scooters

We have had a few reports from parents about scooters that are missing at the end of the school day. Please could we ask all parents that have children who scooter to school to double check that their children have the correct scooter at home.

Lost Property

All lost property (non-uniform) from around the school will be displayed on a table by the bike shed during the sports day on Tuesday 24th June. Please come and claim. Any items left at the end of the day will be donated to Ash Class for their charity collection. Year 4 will be selling good quality second hand school uniform in July to raise money for their residential trip to Brecon. These items will be sold for £1 each. Further details to follow.

Skills for Life Information Sessions

South Gloucestershire Council's Community Learning Service create learning opportunities for adults. Would you like to develop your skills in English and Maths and gain a nationally recognised qualification at level 2? To find out more there are Skills for Life information Sessions at the Ridgewood Centre, Yate on Thursday 5th June 1-2.30pm; or at the Park Centre, Kingswood on Wednesday 11th June 6.30-8pm. For further details contact Sandie Watkins on 01454864639 or Angela Feltham on 01454 863272.

FOMPS & Community

Year 6 Dinner and Dance, Friday 4th July

Tickets for the Year 6 Dinner and Dance are on now on sale from the year 6 class teachers. Tickets cost £5, including a photograph on entry and need to be bought by Thursday 3rd July for catering purposes.

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