

Mangotsfield Primary School

Newsletter, Friday 16th May 2008

From the Head

Post SATs

Congratulations to all our Year 6 pupils for coming to school with such a positive approach to their SATs this week. They have worked very hard and I am sure they have all done their very best in every assessment. A special thank you to Lisa Hicks, our Kitchen Unit Manager for all her hard work organizing a Breakfast club this week for Year 6. The children have thoroughly enjoyed coming into school and sharing breakfast with their friends and it has really helped to keep them happy, focused and enthusiastic. Furthermore it has resulted in 100% attendance for our Year 6 students all week! Well done to the Year 6 teachers Mrs Wood, Ms Lawrence and Mrs Moorhead for organizing the excellent SATs preparation programme for the students this year. I am sure that everyone's hard work will be rewarded.

Car Park Danger

We have a serious Health and Safety issue caused by parents parking their cars in the school car park before and after school. Parents are only permitted to use the school car park in the mornings to drop off children in the 'Drop Off' zone. Unattended cars parked in the school has led to an increased risk of serious injury to pupils in the car park area as the children try to go to and from their parents' cars. Indeed several staff have already reported a number of near misses with pupils within the past 2 weeks! Thus in order to better ensure the safety of children at Mangotsfield Primary please note the following important information:

- Parents can only use the car park in the mornings to drop off their children in the 'Drop Off Zone' adjacent to the school office/Hall. No car must be left unattended at any time. If you need to come into the school for any reason you must park outside the school and walk.
- Only members of staff or authorised visitors are allowed to use the school car park and we will be issuing staff with car park permits to better ensure that only authorized vehicles use the parking facilities.
- After school, parents are not allowed to wait for their children in the school car park (including the drop off zone) and thus from Monday 19th May, the school gates will be closed at 3.00pm to 3.45pm.
- Any car parked in the school premises in the morning (8.45am – 9.30am); Lunchtime (11.45am – 1.15pm); or after school (3.00pm – 3.45pm) without a valid parking permit will be reported to the police.
- Please ensure that you and your children enter the school through the school gates and not via the car park gates.

We apologise to parents in advance for any inconvenience but I am sure you will understand the importance of keeping our children safe and healthy.

School News

Staff Inset Day

Please remember that Monday 2nd June is a Staff Inset Day so the school will be closed. Children are back to school on Tuesday 3rd June.

National Walk to School Week – Monday 19th – Friday 23rd May

Next week is National Walk to School Week. We see this as an important reminder to staff and children about the benefits of keeping fit and healthy. In particular, it has been proven that children who come to school under their own steam are more awake and ready to start their learning. The school will be taking part in this initiative and are keen to encourage everyone to walk, cycle or scooter to school but it will need your support. We should be grateful if you would make a special effort to encourage your child to take part in this extremely worthwhile event.

Primary Praise – Sunday 18th May

On this Sunday, May 18th, "Primary Praise" takes place once again in the School Hall, 9.30-10.00 a.m.. "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. All are welcome, so please come along; we're looking forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely

Mark Cripps
Headteacher



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