

# Mangotsfield Primary School

## Newsletter, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2008

### From the Head

#### **FMSiS**

We are currently being assessed for FMSiS – Financial Management Standards in Schools – which was introduced by the Government last year and requires all schools to meet set criteria in financial management by 2010. The aim of FMSiS is to ensure effective and efficient management of school funds. Mangotsfield volunteered to be one of the first Primary schools in South Gloucestershire to be assessed and our FMSiS audit earlier this month went very well. I am very hopeful that the school will receive full FMSiS accreditation in the next few weeks but in the meantime we do have to fulfill one or two administrative responsibilities. One of these duties is to inform parents that the School Fund has been fully audited and the accounts approved for the financial year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2007.

#### **Communication with Teachers**

Whilst it is understandable that parents sometimes want to inform the class teacher at the start of school, of an important issue affecting their child, this often causes staff (and other parents) to be delayed in the playground. This has a detrimental impact on children's learning, since lessons are not able to start on time. Once school starts at 8.55am the class teacher is fully responsible for the welfare of the children and it is not reasonable to expect staff to have time to discuss issues with you. Therefore, we would ask parents to avoid detaining teachers in the morning and either write a note to the teacher, telephone the school or go into reception and leave a message, which the office will be pleased to pass on for you.

Please also remember that if you need to speak to the teacher about your child, it is usually necessary to make an appointment. We will obviously do our very best to support parents where there is an urgent issue or an emergency situation, but again please contact the school office in the first instance.

#### **School Website**

Do you buy from major retailers online? If you do please remember that if you use the link from the school website ([www.mangotsfieldprimary.com](http://www.mangotsfieldprimary.com)) anything you buy, from any one of the major retailers' sponsored links, directly benefits the school as we receive a percentage of all purchases made and it will not cost you any more. This is a very easy way to raise funds for the school and currently approx £60 has been accumulated. To purchase via the website, please just click on the 'Get it 4 School' menu; then click 'Enter the Shop'; next click onto the start button in the "Affiliate section" After that you simply click on your desired retailer and continue as you would normally.

### School Events & Notices

#### **Diary Date Error**

In last week's Newsletter we stated that Term 6 starts on Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2008. In fact term starts on **Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> June** as Monday is a staff INSET day and the school is closed. Our sincere apologies for this mistake.

#### **School Clubs Reminder**

As a reminder please could you ensure that if your child's name is down for an after school club, that they attend each session, if they no longer want their place in a club please let us know.

#### **All-Age Service**

St James Church will be holding an all-age service in the church hall at Richmond Road this Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, from 11.00am to 11.45am. The theme is "Jesus, the light of the world", all are welcome and there will be refreshments after the service.

**Kitchen Manager**

Hi everyone, my name is Lisa Hicks and I am your new Kitchen Unit Manager. I would like to introduce myself; I have worked for South Glos for 7 years now. I started at Staple Hill Primary School, and then progressed to Hanham High School as a Cook, I then moved to Meadowbrook Primary, Bradley Stoke in 2006 as Kitchen Unit Manager.

I really love my job, especially the interaction with all the children. It's great when I get to know their names and they also get to know me, having a laugh and a chat is what makes my job worthwhile.

On a personal level, I have 2 children, Josh who is nearly 13 and Sophie who is 11. They both go to Downend School and really enjoy it. All of my Sundays are spent taking my children to football. They both play for local teams, yes even my daughter, and although I am not a great lover of watching football on the television, when you watch your children it is different, I love it.

I am really pleased to have this opportunity to come and work at Mangotsfield Primary, I want to carry on Chris' good work, it is a lovely school with really charming and polite pupils, they have made me feel so welcome, as have the staff since I have been here.

I hope soon to have some themed days, but more of that to follow.

As ever, if you have any concerns about your child or just want to say hello, please come and see me. I am always available, just pop your head around the door.

Thank you all, you will hear from me soon.

Lisa Hicks - Kitchen Unit Manager

**Friends of Mangotsfield School**

The Friends of Mangotsfield School have attached a newsletter for your information.

Best wishes

Mark Cripps  
Headteacher