



## MANGOTSFIELD C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Newsletter, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2007

#### From the Head

I am pleased to attach a full year school calendar for 2007/8 to this Newsletter, which I hope you will find useful in terms of planning (holidays etc.). One late change you will need to note on the Calendar is that the **PTA Ladies Night** will now be on **Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> November** and not Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Also could you please add the following dates for PTA Meetings:

Tuesday 27/11/07; 15/01/08; 05/02/08; 04/03/08; 06/05/08; 03/06/08; 24/06/08 and 15/07/08

Whilst term dates and INSET days are fixed, we may have to make minor adjustments to some of the dates shown on the calendar. However, we will try very hard to stick to the dates shown and contact parents in advance of any changes. However, please be aware that due to the importance of official school assessments, including SATs, the school will not authorise requests for holiday between 22<sup>nd</sup> April and 16<sup>th</sup> May 2008.

Reports will be coming home with the children today. I am extremely heartened by the positive comments from the teachers and the great progress made by the vast majority of the pupils this year. Congratulations to everyone, especially our Year 6 leavers for their fantastic achievements in the Key Stage 2 SATs.

Some dates for the final 3 days – remember last day of school is Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> July!

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| Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> July:    | Teddy Bear's Picnic (R, Y1 & Y2)                        |
| Tuesday, 24 <sup>th</sup> July:   | Lost Property displayed on tables in playground (3-4pm) |
| Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> July: | Leaver's Assembly (9.15am)                              |

As this is the final Newsletter of this academic year, I would like to wish everyone, (staff, parents and pupils) a very relaxing and enjoyable holiday. We look forward to seeing most of you back in school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September (Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September is our staff INSET day). For those not returning to Mangotsfield, please accept our very best wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous future!

#### School Events & Notices

##### **Lost Property**

As is always the case at this time of year, we have a mountain of lost property from across the school. This will be put out on tables **in the playground on Tuesday 24th July from 3 – 4 pm**. Please come along and claim any items that belong to your child. Any school uniform left over will be donated to the PTA to sell as second-hand in the new school year. All other items of clothing will be donated to charity or binned.

### **School Travel Plan**

You may be aware that the school has been developing a Travel Plan this year to encourage the school community to use non-motorised methods of transport to and from school. It has been a huge amount of work but I am delighted to inform everyone that our School Travel Plan has now been accepted and we have been awarded a special grant to help improve our cycle/scooter facilities. More information as to how this money will be spent will be given early in the new academic year. Our thanks to all of the staff involved but especially Gavin Palomeque for his effective leadership of this important project.

### **Reception Rabbits**

We feel really lucky to have had Daffodil and Dumbledore in Reception this Summer. The children have really enjoyed having them and have learned so much about caring for animals. However, following a trip to the vet for Daffodil, we feel that, although they will be missed, the rabbits would have a less stressful life if they were able to stay in one place and grow old gracefully. We have found someone who will have the rabbits for us but we would like to give parents priority so, if you feel that you could provide them with a good home, please let either Miss Herriot or Mrs Haines know and we can arrange for you to pick them up.

### **Skiping Marathon – sponsor money**

We have so far collected approximately £600.00 in sponsor money, so thank you very much for all your support in helping us to raise a substantial amount for the British Heart Foundation. 25% of this amount will be going to school funds.

If you still have not handed in your form and money, please do so by Monday so that we can send them off by the end of term.

### **Parent Lunch Money**

Would all parents who participated in this week's Parent Lunch please ensure that they pay Chris Keld or the school cash collector before the end of this term.

### **Secret Sticker**

Chris Keld will be hosting a 'Sticker Under The Plate' during lunch on the last day of term (Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> July) with prizes for some lucky children!

Best wishes

**Mark Cripps**  
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