



MANGOTSFIELD C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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From the Head

Quiz Night Postponed

Unfortunately, due to family illness Chris Keld is unable to commit the necessary time to the Flat Cap Quiz and we have decided to cancel the event. Any money already paid will be refunded; please accept our sincere apologies for any disappointment or inconvenience caused.

You may have already seen this mentioned on the ticker-tape 'Latest News' section of our new website. We will be using this in future for important announcements as a way of further enhancing communication between school and home, so please do check the website regularly.

Poppy Appeal

Some of our Year 6 pupils will be selling poppies to the other classes next week. If you would like your child to buy a poppy please make sure they bring a donation (e.g. 20p) in with them together with a small safety pin – we won't be able to give the children a normal pin for health and safety reasons!

School Events & Notices

Life Education Bus Donations – A quick reminder!

Thank you so much to everybody that has donated £3.50 towards the Life Education Visit. If you have not already made a donation please send your £3.50 in as soon as possible. Please see the attached information sheet for more details about the visit! Thank you for your support. Emily Strover (PSHE & Healthy Schools Coordinator)

Year 2 – Parents/Carers and Children working together

Taking an active interest in your child's learning is one of the greatest ways you can help your child to do better in school and in life. The Government's Primary National Strategy website has a range of materials to support parents and carers to support young learners (www.standards.dfes.gov.uk/primary). Another good site is www.parentcentre.gov.uk We have some leaflets for parents/carers of children in Y2, which are available in the school foyer.

Parent Governor Vacancies

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor on our school's Governing Body and are about to have two further vacancies where Parent Governors have completed their four year term of office. These Parent Governors are allowed to stand for election again but there is also the opportunity for any other parent to stand. If you are interested and would like to find out more details the Chair (Nikki Nicholls) and Vice Chair (Joy Redfern) are in the playground before and after school most days and would be delighted to talk to you. Alternatively you can contact Nikki or Joy through the School Office where you can also obtain a nomination form. Please return all nomination forms to the school office by noon on Friday 9th November.

Parent Coffee Mornings

Following the success of the recent coffee morning for new parents we have decided to make Friday coffee mornings a regular weekly activity. So if you feel like joining us (Governors and PTA) for a coffee please come to the staff room between 9am and 10am any Friday morning.

School Clubs

Please note that school clubs start again from Monday, 5th November.

Community/PTA News

Yellow Pages

Please remember to drop off your old yellow pages for recycling as next week is the last week.

Minutes from the Governing Body Meeting

A copy of the latest minutes from the Governing Body Meeting is available for viewing in the school office.

Dinner Money

Please could all dinner money be placed in a sealed and clearly marked envelope to avoid any confusion over payment.

Harvest “Hot Dog” Disco

The PTA would like to say a very big “thank you” to all the parents who helped make this such a great event and to all the children for being so well behaved. We were grateful for all your help and it was lovely to see so many new faces. A great time had by all and we raised £486.00 for the children.

PTA Christmas Cards

Last term the children designed a “Christmas Card” template with their own work. This was then sent to a company www.my-school-cards.co.uk who have now produced a sample Christmas card with your child’s design on the front. This sample card is free for you to keep. However if you would like to order more cards, please complete the enclosed order form included with your child’s card pack and return to school by Friday 9th November. The school will receive commission for each pack is sold and there is a prize from the company, for the child who sells the most packs.

Christmas Shopping and Ladies Night

Ladies, don’t forget to put Friday 23rd Nov in your diaries. We are looking forward to a great night. We have booked over 15 retail stalls and a wide range of therapies will be available. So enjoy a pamper treatment and relax after spending your money on Christmas gifts and treats for yourselves. Please support your school by spreading the word; bring a friend and advertise the event in your front window at home..

Tickets at £2 only will be available after school every day from the 5th Nov at the Buddy Bench. If you are unable to buy your tickets in the afternoon s the office will sell you a ticket as long as you have the right change. Timetables for pre-booking treatments will be available from Monday 5th November for you to sign, on a display board.

With best wishes,

Mark Cripps
Headteacher