

# **Mangotsfield Primary School**

## **Newsletter, Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2008**

### **From the Head**

You will know by now that I will be leaving Mangotsfield Primary at the end of this academic year. I have been especially touched by the kind words from many parents who have thanked me for my time at the school and wished me well for the future.

In terms of Headship my tenure at Mangotsfield Primary has been relatively short (18 months) but I believe I am leaving the school in very good order. The school's Governing Body is a highly able and very experienced group and I am confident that any appointment made by them will fully meet the particular leadership needs of this school.

The prospect of moving to Hong Kong is very exciting for me but still my parting will be very much a case of 'sweet sorrow' because I realise I will be leaving behind a truly excellent school with a fantastic cohort of children; a very enthusiastic and supportive parent body; and some of the best staff and Governors that you could ever hope to work with, anywhere in the world.

Obviously I not leaving for several months and there is still much to be achieved before the end of the year. I am fully committed to carrying out my duties as Headteacher until my departure and therefore we continue with business as usual!

### **School News**

#### **Vouchers**

We are collecting Sainsbury's and Tesco Computer for school vouchers. Please remember to send them in with your children as the more we collect the more sports and computer equipment we get to choose. We have had a fantastic response so far, so thank you to everybody who has sent vouchers in.

#### **Year 6 Production – Date Change**

The dates of the Year 6 production have now changed, and we will now be performing one week later than originally planned. The new dates and times are Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July at 1.45pm and 7pm. If you are not available on this day, you are welcome to come to the dress rehearsal on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 10am.

#### **Economic Awareness Week**

During the week beginning Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June (Monday is an INSET day), the whole school will be focusing on Maths, and in particular, Economic Understanding. Do you think that you have a job or a skill which we could make use of during the week? Are you aware of any companies e.g. banks, building societies, that welcome visiting school pupils? Do you work at a school and have ideas to share? If you think that you may be able to help in any way, could you drop a note to Deb Wood, teacher of Oak class. Many thanks.

#### **Clubs on offer for April**

Please see attached list of clubs on offer from April 2008. Please return your slip by **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2008**.

#### **Mangotsfield Out of School Club**

Mangotsfield Out of School Club have a vacancy for someone with NVQ 3 in childcare/playwork or pre-school qualification and experience working with children. Rate of pay £6.95 per hour, up to 17 hours term time and 20 hours in holidays. For all enquiries ring Kate Cole – 07872 622942.

#### **Carsons & Mangotsfield Cricket Club**

Carsons & Mangotsfield Cricket Club are looking for new players for their Under 11's team (school years 5 and 6). If your child would be interested in playing for the Under 11's team, they would be welcome to attend the forthcoming training sessions which will be held at Mangotsfield Secondary School on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April, 5pm to 6pm. Weekly training sessions will then take place on Fridays starting on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 5.30pm to 7pm at Badminton Road Playing fields. If you would like to register your child's interest please contact Andrew King before 21<sup>st</sup> April, on 0117 9702412 (after 5pm).

### **Friends of Mangotsfield Primary School (FOMPS)**

Friends of Mangotsfield Primary School are holding a Treasure Hunt on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2008 – so make a date in your diary. There will be 2 hunts, one for younger children and the other more challenging, they will both finish at the school where there will be a bar, barbecue and bouncy castle. We look forward to celebrating the start of Summer! Tickets will be on sale from next term at £1 per person ~ watch this space for further details.

### **Tuck for Breaktimes**

We have noticed lately that some children have started to bring some inappropriate tuck to school. Please can you ensure that they bring in a piece of fruit, plain biscuit or a healthy alternative. Please remember to avoid sending your child in with nuts as we have a number of children with severe nut allergies. Also may we remind you that children are allowed to bring water in a bottle to drink in class.

## **Community News**

### **Primary Praise**

During the holidays, on Sunday, 20th April, the team from St. James Church will be holding a "Primary Praise" service in Mangotsfield School, 9.30am to 10.00am, this is specially geared for primary school children and their parents. There are songs, a story, prayers and an activity, finishing with refreshments. Do come along - we look forward to meeting you.

### **Community Magazine**

Coming soon to Emersons Green, a new Community Magazine, Emersons Green Matters. Sister magazine to the successful Bradley Stoke Matters. Packed with information about the Schools, Events, Churches and Whats On News. If you have some news you'd like to share with your community or you'd like to promote your company and reach over 12,500 homes in the Emersons Green, Downend and Mangotsfield area please call Amanda Morris on 01179571893 or email [amanda@emersonsgreen.co.uk](mailto:amanda@emersonsgreen.co.uk)

### **Term Dates – 2007/2008**

Term 4: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2008

Term 5: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2008

Term 6: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2008

### **School In-service Days 2007/08**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2008

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2008

### **Term Dates – 2008/2009**

Term 1: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2008

Term 2: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2008

Term 3: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2009

Term 4: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2009

Term 5: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2009

Term 6: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2009

### **School In-service Days 2008/2009**

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2008

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2009

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2009

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2009

Yours sincerely

Mark Cripps  
Headteacher

### **TABLE TOP SALE**

**Mangotsfield Methodist Church**  
**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April**  
**10.00 to 12.00**

**Refreshments & Homemade Cakes**

**In aid of Church refurbishment &  
Southmead Intensive Care Unit**

**To book a table please ring:  
0117 9572437**



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