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From the Head

Flat Cap Quiz Night

Following the very successful Curry Quiz Night held last term, we will be hosting a 'Flat Cap' Quiz Night on Saturday, 10th November. Chris Keld will be serving up some culinary delights from the north of England and I am sure that in addition to the sneaky SATs round, Chris will be including several questions to test your northern knowledge. Tickets will be £8.00 per person with all proceeds going towards purchasing new classroom furniture. Please order your tickets by completing the form at the bottom of the Newsletter and returning it in a sealed envelop with money enclosed (cash or cheque), to the School Office. Feedback from the Curry Quiz was very positive and I am sure this will be an equally enjoyable and fun evening. However, numbers will be limited so book early to avoid disappointment. Further details will follow before the half term break!

Help! Missing Bag and Coat

Unfortunately, one of our pupils, Sean Marvin (Y4 Lime) returned from Softball after school club last Thursday (27th September) to find his Liverpool rucksack had gone missing. The bag is black, white and red with Liverpool FC badge with zips on both sides of the opening – one a red zip pull tag and the other with a replacement 'Heelies' tag. Even more disappointing for Sean was that an expensive waterproof coat (part of his 'Jamie Shore' goalkeeping kit was inside) together with his blue and yellow pencil case. The coat is black with a football label on the back and a hood that tucks into the collar. The cuffs are elastic with contrast piping down the sleeves. Sean's name is written inside on the collar label. Obviously, Sean is very upset at the loss of his bag and coat, and we would all be really grateful if you could have a look at home, just in case the bag has been taken by mistake. If you do find it please return it to the school office as soon as possible.

Please ensure that all items of clothing and equipment are clearly labelled, as every year a huge amount of school uniform and other items are collected in lost property and go unclaimed!

School Events & Notices

Brecon Trip

Our Year 5 pupils and staff returned from their trip to Brecon last week. Each class spent two nights and three days braving the elements in a variety of outdoor activities including town and traffic surveys, river investigations and orienteering. A favourite activity was the water rocket construction, where they had to launch an 'eggstonaut' into space and return him unharmed. Apparently the staff team let themselves down miserably, producing two scrambled eggstonauts! It is obvious from the quotes below that all the children had a great time and thoroughly enjoyed their experience:

"I really enjoyed the water rockets because it was great fun to decorate them and watch the launches!" (Stephanie Wadsworth)

“It was interesting to drop the dog biscuits in the river because we got to stand in the water. We were measuring how long it took them to travel 3 metres.” (Louis Parsons)

“It was great fun when we got to go on walks because we learnt about all the different plants and we saw some amazing views!” (Megan Bayliss and Tommy Winstone)

“I liked the Water Game because we got very wet when the water came out of all the holes in the pipe!” (Ben Galliot and Matthew Harraway)

“It was really cool when we went to the Fish Farm to see loads of fish and even felt them! They felt really scaly and slimy!” (Ryan Brownlow and Lydia Veldcamp)

Student Welfare Group

In light of the Government’s Every Child Matters Agenda, we have decided to formalise staff discussions about children’s wellbeing so that we are better placed to meet the needs of all children. The Student Welfare Group is a group of staff who will meet on a termly basis to discuss any issues that might be getting in the way of children’s learning. From time to time parents/carers may be invited to meet with a member of the group. (Debbie Williams, Deputy Head & Student Welfare Group Leader)

Harvest Donations

Year Five will be presenting a Harvest Assembly on Friday 12th October in the school and then on Tuesday 16th at St. James’ Church. Harvest time is a time to share. The children would really appreciate any gifts of food – fresh, tinned or dried - to share with people in the community who are less fortunate than others. Please leave donations with the office. Thanks!

Assembly Dates

Please put the following class assembly dates on your School calendar:

Y1 Willow (2/11/07); Y2 Ash (16/11/07); Y5 Chestnut (7/12/07); Y4 Lime (18/1/08); Y6 Oak (1/2/08); Y1 Walnut (7/3/08); Y3 Sycamore (28/3/08); Y5 Cedar (16/5/08); Yr Apple (13/6/08); Yr Cherry (20/6/08); Y4 Rowan (27/6/08); Y2 Elm (18/7/08)

Shoebox Appeal – Don’t forget!

We now have only 2 weeks left to fill as many shoeboxes as we can, thus please keep sending in any donations.

Reception: Pens and pencils
Year 1: Shampoo and soap
Year 2: Small toys/games
Year 3: T-shirts (all ages)
Year 4: Hats and gloves (all sizes)
Year 5: Socks (patterned are best!)
Year 6: Notebooks and hairbrushes/combs.

Community/PTA News

New Parents Coffee Morning

On Friday, 12th October, there will be a coffee morning in the staffroom from 9.00am to 10.00am for new parents especially those with Reception children hosted by Nikki Nicholls and other members of the Governing Body. Please come along we are looking forward to meeting you all.

Yellow Pages Recycling

We are a collection point for the Yellowside Scheme who recycle your yellow pages. Please bring them into school and leave them in the foyer.

Brightminds

To support our environment, this year we will not be sending home the 'Brightminds' fundraising catalogues. Instead we ask you to quote our school code 'FR-1508' when ordering from Brightminds online at www.brightminds.co.uk Any orders placed using our code before the 31st December '07 will accrue Fundraising Rewards of vouchers to 25%.

Harvest Festival at St James Church

St. James, Mangotsfield (the parish church of Emerson's Green as well as Mangotsfield!) is celebrating Harvest Festival on Sunday 7th October at 11.00 am with a 45-minute all-age service, followed by refreshments. You are all warmly welcome to attend. The church will be beautifully decorated with flowers. During the service, those present are invited to donate non-perishable gifts to help the homeless and other needy people in inner-city Bristol. Particularly needed are tins of rice pudding, baked beans, ready to eat custard, macaroni cheese, potatoes, spaghetti, sweetcorn, tuna, hotdog sausages, corned beef and cereals. All food has to be within its sell-by date. (Reverend Steve)

PTA Year 6 Prom 2008

Please note that the Year 6 Prom evening will be held on the 4th July 2008. The school diary will need to be amended.

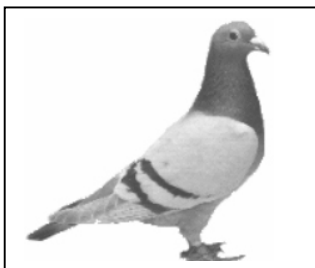
PTA Harvest Hot Dog Disco – Friday 12th October

Tickets are selling fast for the PTA's Harvest Hot Dog Disco next Friday, so be sure to buy your ticket soon! They can be bought from a member of the PTA who will be situated on the Buddy bench before and after school, tickets must be bought by Thursday morning in order that the PTA can cater for the correct numbers. There will be an opportunity for children to have their photographs taken with friends, at a cost of £1 per photo, but these must be paid for on the night, there will also be tuck on sae so please bring some pennies for this! As a reminder, all children must be signed in and out by an adult, and we will be asking parents to bring children through Willow and Walnut classes via the playground (follow signs on the night) to avoid queues.

With best wishes,

Mark Cripps
Headteacher

Flat Cap Quiz Evening



...a celebration of 'Northern-ness'

On

Saturday, 10th November 2007 from 7.30pm



I would like _____ tickets (at £8.00 each) for the Flat Cap Quiz Evening and enclose £ _____ as payment.

Name: _____ Tel: _____

Address: _____

Child's name & class (if applicable): _____

Please detach slip and send with payment in sealed envelop marked 'Flat Cap Quiz' to School Office