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Newsletter, Friday 9th November 2007

From the Head

Goodbye Mr Chips

Sadly, Mr Chris Keld will be leaving the school at the end of this term to take up a new post at Sir Bernard Lovell's Secondary School in Oldland. Chris has done a fantastic job at Mangotsfield Primary School but as the only qualified chef working within South Gloucestershire's school catering service, it was inevitable that he would be 'poached' sooner or later. I would personally like to thank Chris for all his efforts especially for providing the children with such high quality food and service during his time with us. I am sure you will join me in wishing Chris the very best of luck in his new post. The catering company have assured me that the replacement for Chris will make every effort to continue the high standards set by Mr Keld. Further details will follow in next week's Newsletter.

SchoolDays Films

You will have already been informed that next week (Wednesday, 14th and Thursday 15th November) SchoolDays Films will be in school. I am sure the company, who have been filming in schools for many years and are very experienced, will provide a high quality record of your child's school experience to keep for years to come. This will be available to purchase on a special DVD. It is very important therefore that children wear the correct school uniform, as this will have a major impact on ensuring the quality of the film.

Lighthouses

The School Lighthouses for this term are:

- **We treat others as we like to be treated**
- **We take responsibility for our own words, thoughts and actions**
- **We do the right thing even when it is difficult**

We have decided to cover 3 Lighthouses this term because they fit appropriately with developing friendship and thus help support our SEAL (Social, Emotional Aspects of Learning) curriculum theme of 'Getting on and Falling Out'. We would be very grateful if you could take time to discuss these Lighthouses at home with the children, and also look for any practical opportunities to emphasise these values.

School Events & Notices

Children in Need

Friday, 16th November is 'Children in Need'. This year we would like the pupils to bring £1.00 and come to school in their favourite clothes (non-school uniform/mufti). Every child who donates £1.00 will be given a special 'Pugsy Bear' phone charm.

In order to follow-up to their class assembly on Friday 16th November, the children in Ash Class are hoping to run a cake stall for the rest of the school as part of Children in Need. Please could you send in donations of home-made or shop-bought cakes on the Thursday or Friday of next week. Cakes will be sold at 10p each. N.B. This means that the rest of the school will need to bring money to buy the cakes! Thank you! (Sue Chipping, Y2 Ash)

The school website is now fully live!

The site is updated regularly and contains the very latest news and information. To launch the web site we are running a competition. Count the number of Learning Lighthouses on the web site and if you are correct we will enter you into the prize draw. See the website (News & Events area) for details. The winning entry will be drawn on 16th November.

The website enables us to email newsletters directly to you via email. You can register for this service in the News & Events section of the web site.

On our home page you will find a link to our new web shop. The shop helps raise funds by giving the school a portion of each transaction. Our shop not only contains school uniform and accessories but also links to other internet stores such as Boots, Dell, Play.com, Amazon & Tesco. Prices are exactly the same as you would find by going directly to the store so there is no reason not to shop via the schools web site. Anyone can use our shop so tell your friends and family to shop via www.mangotsfieldprimary.org this Christmas!

Farming and Local Produce Week (12th – 16th November)

Next week is Farming and Local Produce week and for the occasion we will be having a special menu. Mr Keld would like to invite parents to join their children for Roast Dinner on Tuesday 13th November. Menus have been sent home today with your children so if you are tempted then please send your £2 in to school on Monday or Tuesday in a clearly marked envelope.

Christmas Shoe Boxes

Many thanks to all of you who sent in gifts for our Shoe Box Appeal. The school created ...boxes which will go to this worthy cause. In addition, the MOD also expressed their gratitude to Mangotsfield Primary for donating our surplus gifts towards their Shoe Box Appeal effort. They managed to fill another 27 boxes in total with all the extra items!

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)

Community/PTA News

'Be Safe – Be Seen' Campaign

As winter approaches Road Safety Officers from the Local Authority are working to increase both the numbers and safety of children, walking and cycling to school. As part of this campaign a leaflet has been sent home today enabling parents/carers to purchase brightly coloured reflective waistcoats, these give increased visibility in daylight and are reflective at night. If you would like to purchase one please return the order form, together with payment, to the school by **Wednesday 21st November**. The school will receive 10% of all sales.

Christmas Fair – Saturday 2nd December

The PTA's Christmas Fair will now be held on Saturday 1st December, from 11am to 2pm. Father Christmas will be visiting, along with many fun stalls and activities. Further details will follow shortly.

Christmas Dance – Saturday 15th December

Back by popular demand, the live band Covergirl will be playing at the PTA's Christmas Dance. Tickets will be on sale shortly adults £5, Children aged 12 to 16 £1 and children under 12 are free (all children must be accompanied by an adult).

Christmas Cards

If you would like to purchase the Christmas cards drawn by the children, please ensure that the orders and money are returned to the school by **no later than Tuesday 13th November**.

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 are only £2 and 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 afternoons, the office will sell you a ticket as long as you have the right change. Timetables for pre-booking treatments are available for you to sign, on a display board in the foyer.

With best wishes,

Mark Cripps
Headteacher