



MANGOTSFIELD C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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From the Head

Welcome back, I hope you all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday. We have had a positive start to the new academic year with planned building work and painting completed. There is still a bit of cosmetic work to do in the front reception area (painting and re-carpeting) but at least we now have more space and the reception hatch has been enlarged to make it more accessible to everyone. I am also delighted to welcome several new members of staff to Mangotsfield primary School this week:

Gill Paget – School administration
Lynda Cordukes – temporary School Secretary (see below)
Deb Wood – Year 6 teacher & Numeracy Coordinator
Jeannie Rios – Year 5 teacher & Science Coordinator
Colin McCleod – Music (Enrichment afternoons)

Furthermore, congratulations to two of our teachers who were married during the holidays – Jenny Woodward (Year 3) is now Mrs Thomas, and Sarah Herriott (Reception) returns as Mrs Flarey.

Unfortunately however, our School Secretary/Office Manager Sam Adams decided to leave Mangotsfield and return to the Local Authority, and for medical reasons was unable to remain during her notice period. Nevertheless, I am very pleased to announce that as of yesterday (Thursday, 6th September) Mrs Lynda Cordukes has taken over from Ms Adams, and will remain until we have had time to appoint a new Secretary/Office Manager. Mrs Cordukes is the Chair of the PTA at Meadowbrook Primary school and is also an experienced school secretary, having worked at several schools within South Gloucestershire. Thus I am confident that any disruption caused by Ms Adam's departure will be kept to a minimum. *However, I would ask all parents for their patience and understanding over the next few weeks, especially as Gill and Lynda are both new to the school.*

School Events & Notices

Health and Safety in the Playground

With 400 children and approximately 200 adults on the playground area, we have a number of safety regulations for the period before and after school. In order to ensure the wellbeing of all we request that:

- All bikes and scooters are pushed, not ridden (skateboards should be carried).
- Bikes, scooters and skateboards are put away in the bicycle storage areas as soon as children arrive on the premises.
- Children are kept away from the Trim Trail areas.
- Ball games are not permitted.

Trespassing

Unfortunately we have experienced a number of incidents of vandalism recently. It seems that some individuals have chosen to use the site out of hours for skateboarding, and several items of furniture and playground equipment has been damaged. Also both ourselves and another local school have been targeted by individuals who wish to acquire lead from the roof of the school building. If you see any disturbances on the school grounds, please contact your local police station. Please also note that under no circumstances are children or parents allowed onto the school grounds when the school is closed without prior permission from the school.

Uniform

The school will be making a determined effort to enforce the uniform policy this year and we would like your support in ensuring children attend school in the correct attire. Adherence to the uniform policy supports efforts to help children develop a stronger sense of belonging and to feel safe within school, and also strengthens their collective identity as part of the school community. These factors impact positively on children's self-esteem and this further enhances effective learning and teaching. Thus please ensure children wear the following uniform to school:

Boys: white polo-shirt; royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan; grey or black trousers (full length tailored trousers only); Blue, white or grey socks; dark coloured shoes or trainers (preferably black). Summer options: plain white T-shirt; plain coloured shorts

Girls: white polo-shirt; royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan; grey or black trousers (full length tailored trousers only) or navy blue or grey skirt or pinafore dress; Blue, white or grey socks; dark coloured shoes or trainers (preferably black).

Summer options: plain white T-shirt; blue gingham dress/plain coloured shorts

Boys/Girls PE – plain yellow polo/T-shirt; shorts; trainers/plimsolls (must be additional to any trainers worn as part of normal school uniform)

Please note that from Monday, 17th September, a uniform reminder letter will be sent home with any child coming to school incorrectly dressed. If you have any specific difficulties regarding the uniform policy please contact the School Secretary.

Message from our Chef, Chris Keld

Welcome back to one and all. I hope everyone had a good summer. After my last day of term adventure in an ambulance and hospital, I am now fine and raring to go (as are the catering team). We have a brand new salad serving bar which will be put to good use in spring and summer. We also have a new Autumn/Winter menu starting now – back to 2 roasts a week, more traditional choices and desserts. Furthermore we now have a new cash collector located at the back entrance to the school, who will be available to collect dinner money and book lunches.

During this year we will be hosting a number of speciality days when parents will be invited to come and have lunch with their children. With winter coming I would like to try some classic casseroles and introduce children to more unusual fruit and vegetables. At £1.50 per meal school lunches are very good value and a great way to ensure children get adequate nutrition, especially in autumn and winter. If you have any questions or concerns please come and see me.

Extra Curricular Clubs Term 1 and 2, 2007

We are very pleased to be able to offer clubs for a 10 week period from September to December. All clubs will run for 10 weeks in two blocks: from 17th September to 12th October, then 5th November to 14th December. The clubs notice for parents will go up on the main school entrance doors on **Friday 14th September**.

Club	Teacher	Day	Time	Max no of children	Age range
Newspaper	Angela Jabarin	Mon	12.45 - 1.10	15	Y6
School Football Team (Team will be chosen by trials)	Gavin Palomeque	Wed	3.30 - 4.30	14	Y5/6
Cookery	Lisa Nash and Jodie Haines	Thurs	3.30 - 4.30	12	Y1/2
Art	Dawn Smith	Wed	3.30 - 4.30	14	Y4-6
Netball	Deb Wood	Thurs	3.30 - 4.30	14	Y4-6
Spanish	Colin MacLeod	Mon	3.30 - 4.15	20	Y1/2
Spanish	Colin MacLeod	Wed	3.30 - 4.15	20	Y3/4
Library	Julie Thorn and Angela Jabarin	Thurs	3.30 - 4.15	15	Y3-6
Recorders (Beginners)	Jenny Thomas	Mon	3.30-4.15	12	Y3/4
School Council (elected by class)	Julie Davies and Emily Stroker	Thurs (alt wks)	3.30 - 4.30	Full	Y3-6
Shoe Box (for charity donations)	Rachel Lawrence	Weds	3.30-4.15	10	Y3-6
Circus Skills (Invitation only)	Emma Harrison	Thurs	3.30 - 4.15	10	Y3
Design and Technology/Recycling	Sarah Flarey and Georgia Robbins	Thurs	3.30 - 4.30	20	R - Y2

Many thanks to all our staff in advance for their hard work in delivering these clubs. We are privileged to be able to offer such a wide range of activities to our pupils. Please complete the form below to apply for a place for your child, and return to the school office by **Tuesday 11th September** (Mrs D Williams, Deputy Head and Clubs Co-ordinator)

Community News

Extra Curricular Sports Opportunities for pupils Y2-6

In addition to the clubs above, there are two further sports opportunities. The following clubs below will be run by Frances Kid (a coach for the Bristol Rovers Girls' Team and part of a Christian based sports organisation):

Club	Day	Time	Max no of children	Age range
Girls Football	Weds	3.45 - 4.45	20	Y4 - 6
Softball	Thurs	3.45 - 4.45	20	Y2 - 4

The cost for these sessions is £2.75 per session. Children may pay per session or £27.50 for the 10 sessions in advance. If your child would like to attend these clubs, please collect a form from the school office.

PTA Family Fun Night

The PTA will be holding a Family Fun Night next Friday from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. Please see posters or ask a member of the PTA for further details.

Primary Praise

On Sunday 16th September there will be a short service aimed at primary school children and their families, from 9.30am to 10.00am in the School Hall. The Vicar and members of St James' Church will be leading the service. Coffee, squash and biscuits will be provided afterwards. All are welcome, so please come along. A similar service will be held in the school on the 3rd Sunday of every month

Best wishes

Mark Cripps
Headteacher

FAO: Debbie Williams by Tuesday, 11th September 2007

I/we would like _____ (child's name) in _____ Class to attend an extra curricular club.

1st choice _____

2nd choice _____

_____ Signed _____ Date