

# Mangotsfield Primary School

## Newsletter, Friday 7th March 2008

### From the Head

#### **World Book Day**

World Book Day on Thursday (6<sup>th</sup> March) was a huge success with teachers, teaching assistants and children dressing up as their favourite book characters. Mrs Chipping and Ms Smith came as Little Red Riding Hood and the Big Bad Wolf and Mrs Button was particularly effective as the Queen of Hearts from Alice in Wonderland - although when she pointed at me and shouted 'off with his head!' I was hoping this was not a general feeling among the staff! The children also looked brilliant with lots of Harry Potters and Hermiones, pirates, fairy princesses. Some notable successes were a mighty Aslan, an heroic Captain Underpants, a sweet Pipi Long Stockings and a crazy Cat in a Hat! Well done to everyone who made the effort to participate; we will be putting some of the photos from the day on our website. Please also don't forget that the Scholastic Book Fair will be open after school (3.30pm to 4.15pm) today and Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, with some excellent books available for the children.

#### **Thumbs Up for Children's Hospice South West**

As mentioned in last week's newsletter Mark Williams and I will be running the Bath Half Marathon on Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> March and we are hoping to raise money for our local school charity, Children's Hospice South West. We aim to get as many children as possible to put their thumbprint on our running shirts, for a small donation of 20p per thumb. If you would like to help please send in 20p with your child; Mr Williams and I will make arrangements for the thumb printing to take place during the week.

#### **Thanks to the FOMPS**

Many thanks to the FOMPS who organized the excellent Leap Year Disco for the children, last Friday (29<sup>th</sup> March). The feedback from everyone has been very enthusiastic and the children obviously had a great time. Our gratitude to all the parents and staff who supported the event.

#### **School Staff and Confidentiality**

All members of staff, including teachers, teaching assistants, administration, dinner ladies, cleaners, caretakers and parent volunteers are subject to a confidentiality clause. This means that they are not permitted to talk to other members of the school community about any issues concerning the school. It is wholly unfair and often extremely embarrassing for members of staff to be approached by parents concerning issues which must remain confidential. Thus I would be very grateful if you would address any queries or concerns directly to me via the school office.

### School Events & Notices

#### **Late Arrivals to School**

Please remember to always sign our late book in the office if your child arrives after their class has gone in. This enables us to record them in their class register and to make their necessary lunch arrangements.

#### **School Dinner Money**

Please can you ensure that all dinner money is sent to school with your child in a **sealed and clearly marked envelope** and given in to their class teacher. As you can appreciate, the office is extremely busy at the beginning and end of the school day and they would be grateful for your assistance with this matter.

#### **After School Clubs**

W/c 10<sup>th</sup> March – no clubs running this week

W/c 17<sup>th</sup> March – all clubs as normal except no clubs on Friday (Good Friday)

Therefore the Friday clubs from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March will now take place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March. All other clubs finish on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Extreme Reading**

We have received a number of very amusing 'Extreme Reading' photos. Our favourites so far are reading in a wheelie bin, reading whilst jumping on a trampoline and reading in the boot of a car!! If you would like to have your photo displayed in the Library please send to Mrs Williams by Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March.

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

### **The Invitation Book**

FOMPs now have to account for every Invitation Book we have issued, as we have to return any books not purchased to 'The Invitation' on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. We currently have in excess of 50 books not returned, therefore if you have not already done so please could you return your book or cheque for £19.99 made payable to FOMPS **by Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2008**. If we do not have all books returned, the school will be invoiced for them.

### **Leap Year Disco – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2008**

A big thank you to everyone involved with this event. This event could not have run as successfully and smoothly without the excellent behaviour of the children and the support of so many parents and teachers. The disco raised a total of £786.96, which is a fantastic achievement.

## **Community News**

### **Advertising in our Newsletter**

If you would like to place a small advert in our newsletter please come and see the school office. There will be a charge of £5 per week per advertisement.

### **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

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Headteacher



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