

Mangotsfield Primary School

Newsletter, Friday 8th February 2008

From the Head

Attendance Audit

We have recently carried out an attendance audit, which shows that our current school attendance is 95.9%. Thank you so much to everyone for making an extra special effort to ensure children are coming to school. The fact that we were able to award almost 100 children with a 100% Attendance Award Certificate in assembly at the beginning of January, underlines this success.

The audit also showed that approximately 3% of pupils in the school have had 50% broken weeks (1 or more morning or afternoon sessions missed per week) between September 2007 and January 2008. Research shows that above all else, broken weeks have the largest impact on children's attainment as they often miss a key lesson during the week. These absences may quite easily be the result of illness and authorised absences which will not be repeated next term. However, in order to continue to enhance and tighten our attendance procedures, the school will be monitoring all children whose attendance falls below 85% or who have 3 or more broken weeks this term. Parents of children who have fallen into the under 85% attendance or +3 broken weeks categories will be notified in due course.

In future the school will not normally authorize any absence where attendance is less than 90% or where the request for absence would take the pupil to below 90%. Please also be aware that with the new national school attendance guidelines, unauthorized absence may attract a 'Fixed Penalty Notice' from the Local Authority.

School Events & Notices

Christchurch 1 – 1 Mangotsfield

On a cold and windy day, the game started at a fast pace. With Christchurch attacking defenders Luke, Chris and Tom kept their heads. Minutes into the 2nd half Christchurch grabbed a lead with a strike from the edge of the area. Mangotsfield fought back strongly and were rewarded when a throw ball went to Jay Malpas, who tucked it away. The game finished 1 – 1. Throughout the match Tommy Jordan, Josh and James worked hard in midfield. Luke Nash was awarded player of the match. This was an amazing result for Mangotsfield. (Luke Nash, Y6)

Mangotsfield 1 – 0 Baileys Court

Mangotsfield kicked up the hill in the first half and were quickly in their stride with some good passing and moving. However, Baileys Court counter attacked well, good last minute tackles by Keaton Lacey and protected the Mangotsfield goal. Some excellent goal keeping from Tom Nash ensured Baileys Court could not break through. Some good work by Ryan Brownlow on the right and Jay Malpass in the middle ensured Mangotsfield had the edge in the close first half. In the second half Mangotsfield really attacked well, excellent work from James Budden ensured Ryan Brownlow could deliver an excellent cross shot that was forced in by the lively Josh Curnow up front, It was all Mangotsfield thereafter with Keaton Lacey breaking up all the Baileys Court attacks and Tom Cox worked hard on the right and the back. Excellent defending by Luke Nash ensured Mangotsfield were well deserved 1 – 0 winners. (Ryan Brownlow – Man of the match)

Clubs

Please note that Rugby and Self Defense clubs will not take place on Friday March 21st as the school is closed for Good Friday. This session will take place on Friday 28th instead. All other clubs will finish for the term on Thursday 20th March. If you would like to run or help to run a club after Easter please contact Debbie Williams.

Invitation Books

If you have decided not to keep your copy of the Invitation Book, please return it to School as soon as you can. We have sold over 100 copies so far and need to keep an accurate record of books sold so that we can claim our credit later. If you have bought, or renewed online, please also let us know, as we can still claim the credit on behalf of our school.

School eMailing List

The school has introduced 'e-school mail' which is a mailing list manager. E-school mail will be used to send you important email such as the school newsletter and class or year specific information. If you have not already done so, we need you to **sign up**. The school office will verify your details at which point you will receive a confirmation email. You can then log into **e-school mail** and add your children's details to your account. Don't worry, we just require your child's name and class, no other child details are held on this system. Log into e-school mail on our web site @ <http://www.mangotsfieldprimary.org> and select the e-school mail link on the home page. (Shaun Chivers – ICT Governor)

Safer Internet Day – 12th February 2008

As a contribution to European Safer Internet Day on the 12th February 2008, the South West Grid for Learning Trust (SWGFL) is distributing postcards with an e-safety message to all primary schools in the South West. The aim is for every primary school pupil to take home a postcard to promote discussion with parents.

Ladies Shopping & Pamper Night at Mangotsfield Secondary School

Mangotsfield Secondary School are organizing a ladies shopping and pamper night to be held on Friday 14th March 2008. Doors will open at 7.30pm and close at 10.30pm. Tickets cost just £3.00 which includes a free drink. The PTA would like to extend an invitation to all the mums at the school as well as all their friends. It looks like it is going to be a great night. You will be served a free glass of bubbly on arrival and given a lovely goodie bag containing, amongst other things, a lucky dip prize ticket. Just collect a form from outside the primary schools front office and complete the attached form. Once completed return your form, along with payment, to the office in an envelope marked for the attention of Mrs Sharon Fry – Ladies Night and tickets will be sent home with your child along with a programme listing all the therapists and stallholders who will be attending. Please note that all therapists can be booked in advance to avoid disappointment by calling the numbers listed in the programme. So why not leave the kids at home and spoil yourself for a change because you are worth it.

Reading in KS2

We are currently reviewing our system for recording children's reading at home. As you know we use a bookmark system where children record the date and page numbers of their 5 weekly reads. At the end of each book the child writes a book review. We will be asking the children how they feel this is going, but would also appreciate your views. Please could parents of KS2 children kindly complete the short questionnaire at the bottom of this Newsletter and return to the class teacher by Monday, 11th February.

Best wishes

Mark Cripps
Headteacher

My child enjoys the book mark system (Y/N)

My child does not enjoy the bookmark system (Y/N)

I think the book reviews are helpful/not helpful to consolidate my child's understanding of their reading

Additional Comments

Signature of parent _____ Date _____