

Mangotsfield Primary School

Newsletter, Friday 14th March 2008

From the Head

We are proud to be part of our school family

At the beginning of this term we introduced the children to a new lighthouse – ‘We are proud to be part of the school family.’ We have been using assemblies and taking opportunities in class to discuss the ways in which we can exemplify this particular Lighthouse and the children have been given 3 targets:

- To be polite and courteous to everyone in and out of school
- To keep the school clean and tidy (including not dropping food on the new hall floor at lunchtimes!)
- To wear the correct school uniform - We are also awarding the ‘Best Dressed Class’ with an extra 15 minutes break each week.

I would be very grateful if you could reinforce these targets at home, especially by ensuring children arrive at school with the correct uniform including footwear.

Big Fundraiser Invitation Books

The FOMPS have done an excellent job in raising money for the school through sales of the Big Fundraiser Invitation books. However, there are still some 20 books that have not been returned. We would be extremely grateful if parents could make sure they return these Invitation books to the school office by Monday, 17th March. A letter will be sent to individual parents if any books are still outstanding by end of school on Monday.

School Events & Notices

e-Safety links for parents

More and more children have access to the Internet at home these days and it can sometimes be difficult to know the best way to help children to use the Internet safely. South West Grid for Learning have prepared information for parents on safe Internet use for children. The links below will enable you to access it.

www.swgfl.org.uk/safety

www.childnet-int.org/kia/parents/

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

Absence from School

Please remember to call the school office on the first day of your child’s absence from school.

After School Clubs

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

Therefore the Friday clubs from Friday 21st March will now take place on Friday 28th March. All other clubs finish on Thursday 20th March except for Athletics Club which will be running on 27th March and 3rd April.

Staff Vacancy ~ Lunch Break Supervisor

A vacancy has come available for a Lunch Break Supervisor position from 11.40am – 1.20pm on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. If you would like to apply for the position please collect and application form from the school office. Job share will be considered for this position. The closing date is Friday 28th March at 12 noon.

Vouchers

We are collecting Sainsbury’s and Tesco Computer for school vouchers. Please remember to send them in with your children as the more we collect the more sports and computer equipment we get to choose.

Friends of Mangotsfield Primary School (FOMPS)

Community News

Mangotsfield Secondary School Build SOS

Mangotsfield Secondary School has been shortlisted (last of 4) to win a £5000 make over by the Bristol Evening Posts' 'school build' competition (as featured in the paper on 7th March). They are planning to use the money to develop a disused part of the playground to transform into an outdoor classroom and pond. This will be used not only for their students but will also benefit our school and other feeder primary schools in the area.

They need our help, and are asking us to collect tokens printed in the Evening Post everyday from the 7th March until 18th March and send them into school with the voting panel printed in the Evening Post on the 15th, 17th and 18th March. Please place them in an envelope marked for the attention of Helen Winter (School Governor) or take the tokens to Mangotsfield Secondary School. Thank you for your support.

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.

Easter Services led by the Team at St. James, with children and families especially in mind

Palm Sunday, this Sunday, 16th March ~ the service will be held at Mangotsfield Primary School, Church Farm Road, Emerson's Green, 9.30-10.00a.m

"Primary Praise" - worship, story, prayers, activity, refreshments, and a chance to meet Joe, the donkey at St. James Church, 11.00-11.45a.m all-age worship, again with Joe the donkey

Easter Sunday, 23rd March at St. James Church, 11.00-12.00am: Family Communion

Term Dates – 2007/2008

Term 4: Monday 25th February – Friday 4th April 2008

Term 5: Monday 21st April – Friday 23rd May 2008

Term 6: Monday 2nd June – Friday 25th July 2008

School In-service Days 2007/08

Monday 21st April 2008

Monday 2nd June 2008

Term Dates – 2008/2009

Term 1: Wednesday 3rd September – Friday 24th October 2008

Term 2: Wednesday 5th November – Friday 19th December 2008

Term 3: Monday 5th January – Friday 13th February 2009

Term 4: Monday 23rd February – Friday 3rd April 2009

Term 5: Monday 20th April – Friday 22nd May 2009

Term 6: Monday 1st June – Friday 24th July 2009

School In-service Days 2008/2009

Wednesday 3rd September 2008

Monday 5th January 2009

Friday 22nd May 2009

Friday 26th June 2009

Monday 29th June 2009

Yours sincerely

Mark Cripps
Headteacher



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