

Mangotsfield Primary School

Newsletter, Friday 29th February 2008

From the Head

Children Walking to School

You will be aware that we have made a priority list of those children who walk to school unaccompanied. The rationale for this is to better ensure safety and wellbeing by making these children a priority when we contact parents as part of our 'First Day Callback' system for attendance. However, it is important to understand that the responsibility for the safe arrival of children at the school is entirely with the parents.

The 1st Day callback system is part of our strategy to improve attendance – it is not intended as a service for parents to inform them that their child has not arrived safely at school. The school will only commence 1st Day callback when all the registers have been returned to the office and the School Secretary has had time to check absences. I am sure you will appreciate that due to the number of interruptions during the morning period, this often means that the office staff will not be in a position to start making calls until later in the day.

Please note that we are currently revising our attendance policy and that our approach to child absence, including 1st Day callback as detailed above, is fully in line with Local authority and National guidelines.

Bath Half Marathon

Both Mr Williams and I are planning to run the Bath Half on Sunday, 14th March and we would like to raise some money for our local school charity, Children's Hospice South West. We will be giving children an opportunity to sponsor our running shirts by placing their thumb print on the shirt for 20p as part of our slogan 'Thumbs Up 4 Hospice South West!'. Further details will follow shortly.

School Events & Notices

Student Welfare Group

The Student Welfare Group is continuing to offer support for children across the school. We have received positive feedback from parents and children who are involved in the programme and the children are really enjoying taking part in the Self Smart Club. We are currently reviewing the children who have access to this club and are looking to open it up to other children over the next few weeks. A letter will be sent home with your child to offer an invitation.

Debbie Williams – Student Welfare Group Leader

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.

World Book Day

World Book Day will take place on Thursday 6th March. To celebrate we would like to invite all children and staff to dress up as their favourite book character for the day. Donations of 50p per child will be sent to Children's Hospice South West, which is the charity we are supporting this term.

In addition to this there will be a 'Get Extreme' photography competition. Children can bring photos of themselves reading somewhere unusual. A prize will be awarded to the funniest or most surprising entry and all photos will be displayed in the school library.

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.



The tuck shop is now running for children in years 3-6. Please bring your money in. 15p a portion of fruit. We provide different fruit e.g. apples, oranges or raisins.



Ben Chick (Year 4)

Library Visits

The children will be visiting the library on the following days during World Book Week. We would appreciate it if some parents would be available to walk with the various classes. If you are able to help, please would you see your child's class teacher.

Tuesday 4th March:

Apple, cherry, Rowan, Chestnut and Maple

Thursday 6th March:

Elm, Willow, Beech and Walnut

(Please note that this coincides with dressing up for World Book Day at school so please can we ask that your children wear costumes appropriate for walking across to the library).

Friday 7th March:

Ash, Sycamore, Cedar, Oak and Lime

Lost and Found

All unclaimed lost property will be out on tables in the playground next week. Many of the items are in very good condition and we would encourage you to come along and see if you can make use of them. Please claim any items that belong to you.

A pair of size 3 red and white Umbro trainers has been handed in to the office. If they belong to you please come and collect them.

After School Clubs

W/c 3rd March – all clubs running as normal

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

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.

Football News

Mangotsfield 5 v 0 Stanbridge

In a thrilling encounter Mangotsfield took a deserved lead from a good poacher's goal from Josh Curnow, his 10th of the season. Stanbridge maintained a threat on the Mangotsfield defense but some excellent timed tackles and skin-tight marking from the solid Luke Nash and Keaton Lacey kept them at bay. An excellent run down the wing by Ryan Brownlow was capped off with a lovely finish. Mangotsfield started the second half strongly, and a perfectly executed corner from James Budden was powerfully headed in by Chris Shine. Jay Malpas sealed the victory with two well placed strikes, one into the bottom left corner, and one into the top right corner of the net. Mangotsfield were thankful to Tom Nash for excellent saves throughout the match. A delighted Mr P spoke to us about how he thought the match had gone. "It was another good solid team performance". This latest victory means that Mangotsfield remain unbeaten with a maximum of three matches left to play.(report by Man of the match Chris Shine).

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 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

Community News

Mothering Sunday Service

"Parents and children are warmly invited to a special Mothering Sunday service for all ages this Sunday, March 2nd, 11.00 - 11.45 a.m. at St. James Church, Cossham Street, Mangotsfield. The service will be led by Dan Jones Youth and Children's Adviser for Bristol Diocese, and will be followed by refreshments."

Yours sincerely

Mark Cripps
Headteacher



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