



14th November 2008

Dear Parents

We have almost completed our first full week in the new school. There have been a few “snags” which the builders are currently addressing, but overall the move has proved to be extremely successful.

Feedback from children, parents and staff has been universally positive and everyone is enthusiastic about the new teaching areas.

We all look forward to having new playgrounds and fields and these will be created in the New Year.

A reminder that the Coat of Arms Bridge Road gate is now the main entrance to the school and should be used during the school day. Other door and gate information is as follows:

- Collection of children from after school events organised by school staff, eg gym, netball, football. Please use the door next to Mr Bainbridge’s room. This door will be locked at 5.15 pm.
- Attendance at events organised by outside organisations, eg Yoga, Tae Kwon Do, Michelle Leivers Dance. Please use the school front door.
- Fun Club – access to Fun Club is from the Green Lane driveway only. Parents/carers must use this entrance at all times when bringing children to Fun Club and collecting them at the end of the day. Please also note that Fun Club can now be contacted by phone on the school number (024 7641 9555) during Fun Club opening hours.

Open Days

A reminder that you are all welcome to come to see us in action on:

Tuesday 18th November
Thursday 20th November
from 10.30 to 11.30 am or from 1.30 to 2.30 pm

Year 5 Class Assemblies

These will be in the new school hall at 2.30 pm as follows:

Friday 21st November Mr Baldwin
Friday 28th November Ms Halliday

You are very welcome to attend.

Drum Tuition

The Performing Arts Service are able to offer drum tuition as an extra-curricular lesson (charged at the same rates as our other instruments). We need to gauge the level of interest, so please contact the school office or Mrs Wood if you think your child might be interested in learning.

Morrison’s Let’s Grow Vouchers

Please send in your vouchers as soon as possible so that we can send them off before the closing date. Many thanks to all those who have supported the scheme so magnificently.

PTA NEWS

KS2 DISCO - FRIDAY NOVEMBER 28TH - 6.30 - 8.00pm - **HELPERS REQUIRED** - If you have grumbled or personally complained about the lack of tickets available in the past - now is your chance to make a difference.

Now that we are finally in the new school we have the opportunity of making available an additional 110 disco tickets, taking the numbers up to 250 tickets. (Still not quite one ticket for every child in KS2 but near enough). BUT we cannot release the extra tickets unless we have 17 adult helpers signed up to attend on the evening. The number of parents required has been agreed with Mr Rose taking into consideration adult to child ratio necessary for safety in the event we had to evacuate the building during the event. So if you have a child in KS2 wanting to go to the disco please sign up to attend the evening as a helper. Please either complete and return the slip which can be found on the separate letter enclosed in all KS2 bookbags or email lyn@jeffery4.plus.net. At the moment we need an additional 7 helpers on top of the regular PTA volunteers. **IF WE DO NOT GET SUFFICIENT ADULTS SIGNED UP BY FRIDAY 21ST NOVEMBER, 9.00AM - the extra tickets will not be released for sale.**

XMAS FAYRE - SATURDAY 6TH DECEMBER - 11.00AM - 12.00AM

RAFFLE PRIZES/BOTTLE/TOMBOLA DONATIONS: All donations gratefully received. Please take to the office or contact kerry.hooper@ps4b.co.uk with details of any assistance you can give with raffle prize donations.

SAMOSAS: If you can make a donation of free Samosas for the fayre please contact edith.devoy@ocr.org.uk

PTA XMAS PLANNING MEETING - TUES 18TH NOV @ 7.00PM - STAFF ROOM - All parents very welcome to attend the meeting especially if you have a new idea you are willing to carry out at the fayre. We are particularly desperate for helpers willing to run a stall/activity with a group of friends. If you are not sure but think you might be interested - come along to this informal meeting. If you can't make the meeting but can help please email lyn@jeffery4.plus.net with your details.

PTA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - This took place on Wednesday. The following were voted in as the new Officers of the Committee for the current school year. CHAIR - Kerry Hooper, VICE-CHAIR - Katy Carpenter, TREASURER - Jill Miles, MINUTES SECRETARY - Debbie Pollard. In addition a new team for COMMUNICATIONS & ADVERTISING is to be headed up by Jane Long, Barbara Drew and Louise Byrne (ie. Friday letters, Thank-yous, etc). The Minutes of the AGM will be available on the school website shortly.

Quiz Night fundraiser for St Martin's Brownies

This will take place on Friday 21st November at Green Lane Ex-Services Club, Leasowes Avenue from 7.30 - 11.00 pm (adults only). £5 per team (maximum 6 people). Call Alison Clarke on 024 7669 0222 or 07812 994394 to register.

Yours sincerely

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