



16th October 2009

Dear Parents

A reminder that school is closed on Friday 23rd October for Teacher Performance Management. Half-term week commences on Monday 26th October so school will reopen on Monday 2nd November.

School News

- There is a change of timing to the Junior Christmas Concerts. The new details are:
Monday 7th December 7.00 pm
Tuesday 8th December 7.00 pm
Wednesday 9th December 2.15 pm

The Infant Christmas Concerts remain unchanged:

Wednesday 9th December 9.30 am
Thursday 10th December 2.00 pm
Friday 11th December 2.00 pm

- Christian Aid Art Competition
Children are invited to enter this competition which has the theme of "Environment/ Weather – how we are affected and how children are affected in the countries where drought and famine are of paramount importance".

Entries can be any size and can use paint, crayons, collage, etc. On the back please write your child's name, age and school. All entries to the school office by **THURSDAY 22nd OCTOBER** please with a donation of at least 5p in an envelope marked "Christian Aid".

The artwork will be judged at the Methodist Central Hall on 14th November between 10.30 am and 2.00 pm with prizes for the best entries.

Book Fair

An ENORMOUS thank-you to everyone for supporting our book fair last week. We raised a fantastic £1,853.65, of which 60% (£1,112.16) is our commission, to be spent on books for our class libraries.

School Photographs (for children in Years 1 – 5)

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 20th October for children in Years 1 to 5. Children should wear their normal school uniform, and we recommend that sweatshirts/ cardigans are worn since the photographers will be using a white backcloth.

All the children will have individual photos taken, and those with brothers or sisters in other years (including the Reception classes and Year 6) will be photographed with them also. Children in the Reception classes will have their individual and class photographs taken next month, and Year 6 will have individual and year group photos next summer.

Secondary Transfer Forms

If you have not already sent in your child's form, please note that the last day for these to be submitted to the school or directly to the City Council is 31st October 2009. This date falls within the half term holiday, and so we will be sending in the last batch of forms on Monday 2nd November. We will accept forms that are delivered to the school office **by 9.00 am on Monday 2nd November**. It would be helpful for our records if you would let us know if you have applied online.

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Parent Governor Election

One of our parent governors whose term of office is due to end in April next year has tendered her resignation with immediate effect. We have been advised by the Governor Support Service that we can use the ballot ending at 3.30 pm today to elect her replacement. Therefore the **TWO** candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to the governing body. The result of the election will be announced in the next newsletter.

Car Parking

- Please do not block the driveway in Coat of Arms Bridge Road by parking across it when dropping children off or picking them up.
- The driveway itself must be kept clear at all times, so please do not use it as a parking area before or after school.

PTA NEWS

KS2 SPOOKY DISCO - TONIGHT! FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER - 6.30 - 8.00pm

Admission will be by ticket only. Doors open at 6.30 pm, with the night ending at 8.00 pm. All children must be collected by an adult. Please note that while both the Green Lane and Coat of Arms Bridge Road gates will be open, the only entrance to the school building will be through the main entrance door next to the school office.

The response for help at the disco has been overwhelming, thank you to all who have offered to help.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Wednesday 21st October at 7.00pm

In the School staff room – please come along and meet the current members of the PTA. Find out about our activities over the last 12 months and how we spend the money we raise. Drinks, meet and greet will take place between 7.00 and 7.30. The AGM itself will start at 7.30. Everyone is welcome and if you haven't been to a meeting before come along and see what the PTA is all about.

Yours sincerely

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