

Newsletter



HUNTER'S BAR INFANT SCHOOL JANUARY 2009

Something special... our ICT suite now has a set of superb 'state of the art' flat screen PC's which your children have already begun to enjoy. They and the additional space they have created offer extended learning

SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – see attached overleaf.

A very warm welcome indeed to all our new Foundation Stage children and their parents, in classes 1, 2 and 3. We hope they will be very happy here at Hunter's Bar Infant School.

HEALTH AND SAFETY INFORMATION

Regarding the safe parking of cars by parents at the start and end of the school day...

- The safety of our children is paramount and I have been most alarmed to see a significant number of our parents and carers who frequently ignore the double yellow and zig zag lines to park as closely as possible to the main entrance of school on Junction Road.
- Please have consideration not only for the safety of children but for other pedestrians and road users too.
- Persistent, illegal parking in this way may result in your being fined at best or worse, a very serious accident indeed.

Regarding the policy toward dogs on the school site...

- Thank you for adhering to our school policy of 'no dogs on site'. In doing so, several of you frequently leave your pet dog tied to the metal hoops which were attached to the wall beside the Junction Road gate.
- However in recent Class Circle times many of our children tell us that they are sometimes frightened to have to walk so closely past the dogs at the start and end of the school day. Several children have a real phobia of dogs. Indeed you will remember that in the summer term of 2008, one such child stepped into Junction Road in order to avoid a dog tied here and narrowly missed being hit by a car.
- No matter how pleasant or calm your dog may be – this situation poses a real issue for the school and we are keen to find a solution to this problem.
- In the meantime, we would ask that if you must bring your dog to school then you use the entrance on Sharrow Vale Road. The pavement is much wider here and dogs can be left safely and without posing such a risk to our children and families.

CHILDREN'S ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Many thanks indeed to those parents who notify the School Office, before 10.30am wherever possible, on the first day of their child's absence. Our telephone number, as you know, is 0114 266 0541.

MANY MANY THANKS INDEED TO PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF HUNTER'S BAR INFANT SCHOOL WHO DONATED... just over £200.00 to Oxfam...during our recent Christmas concert performances in December 2008.

CONGRATULATIONS to those children who have recently become a new member of our School Council!

During their first meeting, they made important decisions about which gifts to purchase with your generous Oxfam donation. They decided to donate...

*A Bag of seeds *A Safe water supply * Gardening tools *A market stall! * A goat and a Solar Panel.

The School Council initially chose fishing tools but after a very passionate argument, put forward by Woody, the other members agreed that they too wished to protect fishing stocks – they decided to donate another goat and hope you will agree with their decisions.

Walking Bus

*As you know we operate a very successful Walking Bus which is supported by our parents and runs along Ecclesall Road daily.

* Several parents have recently enquired about the possibility of further Walking Bus Schemes – running perhaps from the Nether Edge and Greystones areas.

* We would urge all parents interested in using or even setting up such a scheme to come along and meet with parent Helen Saxton to find out more from Jayne Burbridge (from the Children and Young People's Service) at 9am on Wednesday 25th February 2009.

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School term and holiday dates have already been issued – additional copies are still available from the school office	
Date	Event
6 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class 5 – Showing Assembly for Parents 9.15am
9 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSA Film Show/ Cake Sale from 3.20pm in the school hall
12 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Coffee Morning for Parents – from 9am School hall
13 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class 6 – Showing Assembly for parents 9.15am
13 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSA – Savoury Snack Sale – 3.00pm
13 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of term
23 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring term 2 begins
25 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking Bus Information Meeting for Parents 9am
25 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Writing Workshop and Information Meeting for Parents 7pm
27 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class 7 – Showing Assembly for parents 9.15am
Wk beginning 2 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our Eco- Tower opens!
2 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum Newsletters for Parents sent out today
3 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents Evening
5 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents Evening
5 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Book Day Celebrations (more news coming soon)
13 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class 9 Showing Assembly for parents 9.15am
13 March 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red Nose Day – ‘Wear the wrong clothes!’-info. to follow
3 April 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of spring term
20 April 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term Starts
2 7 April 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Curriculum Newsletters for Parents sent out today
1 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Closed – teacher INSET
4 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Closed – Bank holiday Monday
9 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HBI Spring Fair
19 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Class photographs
22 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of term
1 June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Term Starts
17 July 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Last day of school year