

# Newsletter



## HUNTER'S BAR INFANT SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2008

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

***Something special...some of our Year 2 children are learning the violin!***

**SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – see overleaf.**

**ANOTHER WARM WELCOME:** We are delighted to welcome two new teachers to our staff team.

\*Miss Kate Wragg has joined our Year 2 team as the teacher in Class 8.

\*Miss Tinuviel Machin –Cowen has joined our Year 1 team as the teacher in Class 6.

### **SCHOOL DINNERS**

The cost of a school dinner is now £1.80 per day, which is £9.00 per week. It would be greatly appreciated if dinner money could be paid in advance and on Monday mornings please. Payment for School meals can be paid either weekly or half termly and by cash or cheque (payable to Sheffield City Council). Thank you.

### **OUR SCHOOL DRESS CODE-COMES INTO FORMAL EFFECT FROM JANUARY 2009.**

**You are of course most welcome to use the dress code ahead of this time. It will consist of the following:**

- Plain sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece in red or bottle green
- Plain polo shirt in white, red or bottle green
- Checked dresses- red/white or bottle green/white
- Plain dark trousers, shorts, skirts or pinafore dress in navy, black or dark grey

The Governing Body have been careful to ensure that dress code clothing is available from major retailers, including supermarkets. Parents and carers wishing to order tops embroidered with the Hunter's Bar Infant school logo, and other items of clothing eg. winter hats and coats, can do so through the school office - where we have sample uniform items available for your children to try on for size.

Orders are collected by our supplier each Wednesday and are generally delivered the following week.

NB: ***PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE*** ENSURE THAT **ALL** CLOTHING IS LABELLED CLEARLY WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME

### **LAUNDRY PENS**

Laundry pens enabling you to label your child's school clothes, are available to purchase from the School Office at a cost of £1.50 each.

### **ATTENDANCE AND PUNCTUALITY**

\*Last year Hunter's Bar Infant School was successful in meeting the attendance target set by the Local Authority of 95%. Whilst we are pleased to have met this target, it still falls below the national average and I feel confident that we can exceed this attendance figure during this forthcoming year and achieve ***our next target of 96.5% in 2008/2009.***

\*Of course there may be days upon which your child is simply too ill to attend school. Please do notify us before 10.30 am on the first day of absence (0114 266 0541).

\*97.7% of our parents ensure their children arrive in time for the official ***8.50 am start*** to the school day. Early Bird has been a huge success in raising the vital importance of good punctuality, amongst both parents and children, in order to ensure that no learning time is missed.



***Be on time  
at 10 to 9!***

### Staying Eco friendly...

- **Walking Bus.** We currently have one very successful scheme which operates daily from the Southgrove Road and Ecclesall Road areas. Further information about these is available in school. We are keen to instigate more Walking Bus schemes. If you have an interest in supporting this, then please do contact the school.
- **Bike and Scooter Storage.** There is parking available to children who cycle (or scoot) to school.

This can be found via the green wooden gate at the foot of the steps, next to the Foundation Stage entrance. Not ideal we know, but plans are in place to provide more accessible parking in future.

NB: *All bikes, trikes and scooters are parked at owners own risk!*



### **A PARENTAL 'JOB SQUAD'**

We are keen to hear from Parents and Carers who may be able to offer school some help with the following:

- **Crossing Patrol.** (at the start and end of the day) situated on the major roads surrounding the school. 8.30 am to 8.55 am and 3.20 pm to 3.50 pm. Full training and uniform are provided. For further details please contact Shirley Adams on 0114 273 5818.
- **Lunchtime Supervisors.** If you are interested in applying to become a Lunchtime Supervisor, for either a full week or part of a week, please ask at the School Office for an application form. The hours of work are from 11.45 am to 12.15 pm, term time only.
- **Study Support Workers.** To involve groups of invited children and their parents in stimulating, fun learning activities prior to the official start of the school day.
- **A Helping Hand with School Display.** Let the school know if you have a flair (or not!) and would like to support our teachers and Whole –School Assistant in mounting and presenting children's work.
- **Upkeep of the School Library.** Supporting our Year 2 library helpers to sort and label books and to keep the library tidy.
- **Garden and Nature Club.** Will run each Friday lunchtime from 3<sup>rd</sup> October and from 12.30pm onwards with Mrs. Murphy (and Mr.Brearley who helps out when he can). Please come along and stay to help during Friday afternoon Golden times if you can.

**Leave your details in the office and we will contact you with further information just as soon as we can.**

### **PLEASE NOTE A CHANGE IN HOLIDAY DATE FROM THOSE ISSUED PREVIOUSLY ...**

We have been advised by the Local Authority that Local Elections will no longer be taking place in 2009. Therefore we have made a decision, in partnership with Hunter's Bar Junior School, to change our INSET training day.

**The school will now be closed on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009 for INSET.**

## HUNTER'S BAR INFANT SCHOOL 2008-9

<b>School term and holiday dates have already been issued – additional copies are still available from the school office</b>	
<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
23 October 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last day of first half term</li> </ul>
24 October 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School closed – teacher INSET</li> </ul>
3 November 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Back to school</li> </ul>
Week commencing 3 November 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Performance Management Observations – Year 2</li> </ul>
Week commencing 10 November 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Performance Management Observations – Year 1</li> </ul>
10 November 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last date for School Link Orders to be returned to the School Office</li> </ul>
11 November 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent Consultation Meetings - 3.45 pm to 6.00 pm</li> </ul>
13 November 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent Consultation Meetings - 3.45 pm to 7.00 pm</li> </ul>
12 November 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open Day visits for prospective parents</li> </ul>
14 November 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open Day visits for prospective parents</li> </ul>
14 November 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children in Need – further information to follow</li> </ul>
Week commencing 17 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anti Bullying Week</li> </ul>
Week commencing 17 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New server and computers installed – ICT suite out of action</li> </ul>
Week commencing 17 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Performance Management Observations – FStage (unless ICT suite / IWBoards and computers needed).</li> </ul>
21 November 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'Wear it Blue' Day for Anti Bullying week</li> </ul>
26 November 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent Workshop – Maths / Calculations</li> </ul>
3 December 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last date to order school Dress Code clothing for guaranteed delivery before the Christmas holiday.</li> </ul>
11 December 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Concert – Year 1</li> </ul>
12 December 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Concert – Year 2</li> </ul>
16 December 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foundation Stage Concert 'The Christmas Party' – am</li> </ul>
17 December 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Foundation Stage Concert 'The Christmas Party' – pm</li> </ul>
19 December 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last day of autumn term</li> </ul>
5 January 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Back to school</li> </ul>
13 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last day of school</li> </ul>
23 February 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Back to school</li> </ul>
3 April 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last day of spring term</li> </ul>
20 April 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Back to school</li> </ul>
1 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Closed – teacher INSET</li> </ul>
4 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>School Closed - Bank holiday Monday</li> </ul>
19 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Class photos</li> </ul>
22 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last day of school</li> </ul>
1 June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Back to school</li> </ul>
17 July 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Last day of school year</li> </ul>