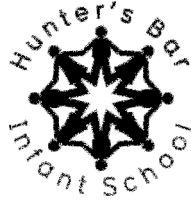


# Newsletter



## HUNTER'S BAR INFANT SCHOOL DECEMBER 2008

***Something special...our (newly formed) school choir performed their first public engagement at the Nether Edge Christmas Fair and Farmer's Market on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December. They were fantastic and we'll certainly let you know when their next 'gig' will be!!***

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

### **A WARM WELCOME**

\*As the children and parents of Class 5 already know, Mrs. Rihana Bakhtiar will be their new classteacher from January 2009. We are delighted to have Rihana working with us in school. She has a great deal of teaching experience and will also become a member of our Leadership Team.

\*We would like to also welcome Lisa Burley to our staff team. Lisa works as a Senior Teaching Assistant in Key Stage 1 and Lisa also leads the outdoor lunchtime team.

\*In January 2009 we will also be joined by Claire King who will be working as a Senior Teaching Assistant in Key Stage 1.

\*Sharon Gill is now our Crossing Patrol Warden based on Cowlshaw Road at the start and end of each school day. I hope you will make good use of her skills in ensuring you and your child can cross safely by this busy, and often dangerous junction.

### **GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK**

\*Katie Houghton has been a valued member of our teaching team since September 2007. I know you'll want to join me in saying a huge thank you, for her contribution to school, and offer best wishes and good luck for the future as she embarks upon her new role at Porter Croft Primary School in January.

### **EID –UL- ADHA**

Many of our children and families will be celebrating Eid on either Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December or Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Your child's absence will be marked as a day of religious observance - please inform either the classteacher or Office if this is the case.

**We wish you a very 'HAPPY EID.'**

**CHRISTMAS PLAYS...**details of the times and dates for these have already been sent and can be found again overleaf.

### **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

#### **Regarding the celebration of children's birthdays in school...**

\*Children often enjoy sharing birthday treats such as fruit, buns, biscuits or small cakes with others in their class on the day of their birthday.

\*As a school which is working hard to achieve the national Healthy Schools Award (and a member of the National Fruit Scheme too) we are of course always mindful of encouraging a balanced diet during discussions with the children.

\*Several children in our school have quite severe allergies, many to nuts for instance and so we would ask you to be mindful of this fact if you choose to send birthday treats into school. It is a good idea to discuss your plans with the classteacher who can give you details of any allergies which may exist in your child's class.

#### **Sweets...**

\*Very recently one of our children brought sweets to share in school as her birthday treat for others in the class. The children were asked to take their sweets home to eat. However there was a serious incident in which one of the children choked on the sweet that had been given to him. The Kid's Club staff acted quickly but, as you can imagine, the child was very shaken indeed.

**I would like to remind you therefore of our policy regarding Healthy Eating in school- sweets (of any kind) such as boiled sweets or chews, are not allowed in school.**

## HEALTH AND SAFETY

### Regarding the start and end of the school day...

- As a new parent in school, you will have been given a copy of the Hunter's Bar Infant School prospectus. It outlines our expectation that all children will be dropped off and collected, to and from classrooms, by an adult. If you have arranged for an adult who is unfamiliar to school to drop off or collect your child, then please ensure you notify the classteacher of this.
- The majority of our parents ensure their children are closely supervised in the playground before the start and at the end of the school day. We are grateful to you for this and know you understand that you are fully responsible for their safety at these times.

## OUR VOLUNTARY DRESS CODE-COMES INTO FORMAL EFFECT FROM JANUARY 2009

**The dress code is voluntary, and we are understanding of the fact that parents of children in Year 2 may wish to opt out since there is no guarantee that children will be able to get the full use and wear out of it before their transfer in Summer 2009.**

**The dress code consists 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 on Wednesday in 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.

## CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

**\*FOUNDATION STAGE:** "The Grumpy Innkeeper" Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2008, 9.30-10.00am in the School Hall.

**\*YEAR 1:** "Whoops-a-Daisy Angel" Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2008, 10.00-10.30am in the Citadel Building, Psalter Lane.

**\*YEAR 2:** "Christmas Concert" Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2008, 9.30-10.30am in the Citadel Building, Psalter Lane.

## MANY MANY THANKS INDEED, HUNTER'S BAR INFANT SCHOOL HAS DONATED...

**...£ 82.25 to Children in Need.**

**...£229.00 to Water Aid.** *This included a very substantial donation from one of our families. A note of special thanks goes to them for their generosity to this cause.*

## NSPCC NUMBER DAY -Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2008

Parents are invited to come along and have some numeracy fun - support your child in playing number games and join in with their maths activities.

- **Foundation Stage and Year 1** ... 8.40- 10.00am
- **Year 2** ... 2.30 - 3.20pm

**Dressing up fun...** Remember, children are asked to come along to school wearing a numbers of some kind! **All donations for the NSPCC kindly received.**

**NB:** Our Maths Wprkshop on 26<sup>th</sup> November was very well attended indeed. Information will be distributed to those who were unable to attend on this evening.

**Invitation to Parents in Year 2...** During the evening, Mr. Bywaters (a Year 3 teacher in the Junior school) invited parents of Year 2 children along to their Maths Workshop on 9<sup>th</sup> December at 9am.

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

**HUNTER'S BAR INFANT SCHOOL 2008-9**

**School term and holiday dates have already been issued – additional copies are still available from the school office**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
8 December 2008 9 December 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eid-ul-Adha</li> </ul>
9 December 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NSPCC Number Day (see December Newsletter for details)</li> </ul>
10 December 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taster sessions for our January starter children 1.30-2.15pm</li> </ul>
11 December 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Concert – Year 1. 10.00am at the Citadel, Psalter Lane.</li> </ul>
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12 December 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Concert – Year 2, 9.30am at the Citadel, Psalter Lane.</li> </ul>
16 December 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas Concert – Foundation Stage, 9.30am in the school hall</li> </ul>
16 December 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 1 Christmas Parties - Afternoon</li> </ul>
17 December 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christmas lunch for children who are having a school dinner</li> </ul>
17 December 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foundation Stage Christmas Parties – Afternoon</li> </ul>
18 December 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 2 Christmas Parties - Afternoon</li> </ul>
19 December 2008	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Last day of the autumn term</li> </ul>
5 January 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children 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 photographs</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>