

Newsletter



HUNTER'S BAR INFANT SCHOOL JANUARY 2010

SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – see overleaf.

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

Something special... a group of children in Year 2 decided they wanted to help the victims of the earthquake disaster in Haiti. They spoke to the teachers and other children about it in assembly and even put together a newsletter of their own (which they sent out to you on 25.1.10) and so, as you'll already know, they came up with a brilliant fund raising idea...***Friday 29TH January 2010 is Pyjama Day*** and, in return for a small donation of money, children can wear their pyjamas to school (the Year 2 children suggest that, for warmth, they are worn over the top of their usual school clothes)! All money raised will be donated to The Red Cross.

A very warm welcome indeed to new members of staff who join us in January 2010:

*Mrs Joe Francis – joining Mrs Banks and Mrs Wood as the teacher in Class 3 on Thursday and Friday each week.

*Miss Jessica Anderson – joining Class 5 as the full time Teaching Assistant, as Mrs Wood moves to support the transition of our new January intake children, into class 3.

*Mrs Sharon Moffatt – joining Mrs Doyle and Mrs King as the part-time Teaching Assistant working each afternoon to support the learning of children in class 6.

*Ms Keeley Glossop – joining our team of Lunchtime Supervisory Assistants to support outdoor playtime between 12noon and 1.10pm.

Grateful thanks go out to our marvellous Premises Team – with a mention for Mr. Ian Parkin's early morning efforts to clear the snow and ice in time for the start of the school day; along with a mention for Mr. Peter's Brearley's skilful handiwork in creating the seating bench between the trees in our lower playground. THANK YOU BOTH!

HEALTH , SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDING

• **EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS...** new data collection, consent and emergency contact forms have now been distributed to all parents and carers of children in school. Please update and return these urgently if you have not already done so.

- **SEVERE NUT ALLERGIES...** an increasing number of children in school have allergies that are so severe, they require the use of an epipen (adrenaline injection) in order to prevent anaphylactic shock. In order to safeguard these children at lunchtime we would ask that parents who prepare a packed lunch for their own child to avoid products containing nuts.

If you cannot avoid packing nut based products for your child's lunch then we would ask that you inform their classteacher on that day. Many thanks indeed for your co-operation with this matter

- **REGARDING THE POLICY TOWARD PLAY ON THE SCHOOL SITE BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER THE SCHOOL DAY...**

- **Playground Safety.** At the start and end of the school day, all children in the playground areas must be under the direct supervision of a parent or carer and are the responsibility of that parent or carer.
- As always, we remind you to close all doors and gates behind you as you enter or leave the school grounds and building.
- Due to the risk of injury (particularly to toddlers and babies in prams and pushchairs) **football and other ball games are not allowed at these times.**

HSA NEWS

- ❑ Congratulations to all those involved in the organisation of the wonderful HSA Christmas market on Monday, 14 December. The school choir were superb (as always) and the event raised £153.77!
- ❑ £96 was raised on our 'bad hair day' for Children in Need.
- ❑ £272.70 was raised for St Luke's Hospice at our Christmas concerts.

Many thanks indeed for your wonderful generosity

Look out for further details coming soon about upcoming H.S.A events

COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

Our Community Police Officer is Russell Hodson. He is keen to get to know our school community and some of you will remember meeting him at recent Coffee mornings. He will be coming along to **the next planned Drop-in event on Monday 1st February at 9.00am.** In the meantime, if you have any queries or concerns then Russell will be happy to talk to you on **0114 296 3187.**

SWITCH OFF FORTNIGHT – WEEK BEGINNING 22nd FEBRUARY 2010

The children in the 'Challenge Club' are organising 'Switch off Fortnight' to link with the schools on-going eco work. Children will be asked to share ideas with you at home regarding the conservation of energy, for example, switching off lights, turning off television sets (not leaving on standby) etc. More details coming soon.

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

Date	Event
11 January	• The start of school for new children entering Foundation Stage
1 February	• Community Police Drop-in 9.00am onwards
5 February	• Class 7 Showing Assembly 9.15am
Wk beginning 8 February	• Year 1 Showing Assemblies – further details of the date and time for each class to follow
12 February	• Last day of Spring 1 term
22 February	• Term Starts for children Spring 2 term
22 February	• Start of Switch off fortnight
1 April	• Last day of Spring 2 term
19 April	• Term Starts for children Summer 1 term
3 May	• May Day Bank Holiday
20 May	• Class group photos
28 May	• Last day of Summer 1 term
7 June	• Term Starts for children Summer 2 term
23 July	• Last day of Summer 2 term

NB: Please note that schools are allocated five INSET days. A date for INSET DAY 5 has not yet been allocated. It may be the case that, as in previous years, our school is requested for use as a Polling Station during the General Elections which are likely to be held in 2010 and we therefore await further details of this.