

# Newsletter



## HUNTER'S BAR INFANT SCHOOL MARCH 2010

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

**Something special...our children's kitchen is almost complete and ready for its grand opening ceremony! It looks really great and that's thanks to your generous donation as parents, via the H.S.A.**

**WE ARE COLLECTING SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS – they'll help us purchase more cookery and baking equipment for the new kitchen.**

### **GOODBYE AND GOOD LUCK TO...**

**\*Mrs Jennifer Murat**, who has worked as a Teaching Assistant here at Hunter's Bar Infant School for almost 10 years now and will be very sadly missed when she retires at the end of this spring term. Jennifer is a valued member of our staff team and I know you'll want to join me in wishing her well as she enters this new and exciting phase in her life. X

**\*Mrs Jo'e Francis**, has worked in Class 3 since January 2010 to cover the maternity leave of Mrs Rihana Bakhtiar. We would like to say an enormous thank you to Jo'e for her work in supporting the transition of our January intake into school and for giving them such a great start to their learning journey. X

### **HELLO AND WELCOME TO...**

**\*Mrs Angela Snowden** – who replaces Mrs Murat as the Early Years Assistant in Class 1 from 19 April.

**\*Mrs Rihana Bakhtiar** – who returns from maternity leave in the summer term to join Mrs Banks and Mrs Wood in Class 3. Welcome back!

### **SAFEGUARDING AND SECURITY**

- **Improvements to the site security of the school grounds for Hunter's Bar Infant and Junior Schools**

As you know, both schools are working to improve the management of safe access to our school site-especially of visitors who arrive during the school day.

We recognise that the current arrangement of free access to the site does not demonstrate the high standards of care we wish for our children. For this reason, the Governing Bodies have made a decision to install a system which offers electronic access to parents, carers and legitimate visitors during the day.

During the Easter vacation work will begin to lay the electric cabling that will eventually operate all gates on the site – although we do not anticipate the system will be ready for immediate use. Both Mrs Hallsworth and I will offer more details about just how this system will work next term.

- **Access to the adult toilet situated beside the School Office**

There is too much reliance on the use of this toilet by parents (and often children) both before the 8.50am start of the school day and again after the 3.20pm end of the day. Whilst there is no question that we do of course wish to be a welcoming school, the volume of adult traffic in and out of this toilet at these times is actually placing our children at risk. Indeed, the constant buzzing of the entry system at these key times (in order to gain access to the toilet) actually deflects our administrative team from their core roles and responsibilities.

When we feel that child safety is placed in jeopardy, we reserve the right to refuse access to this toilet.

**Should your child require EMERGENCY access to the toilet either just before or just after the end of the school day, then we would ask that you accompany them to the nearest children's toilets in school. Many thanks for your support in this.**

## HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Hunter's Bar Infant School, along with other schools nearby has recently seen an increase in the number of children and staff suffering from vomiting and diarrhoea. We ask that you help minimise the spread of this sickness bug by ensuring

- *Your child does not return to school until at least 24 hours have passed since the last bout of vomiting or diarrhoea*
- *Your child has their own water bottle (clearly labelled with their name and class number)*
- *Your child's water bottle is regularly brought home for a thorough clean*

**EARLY BIRD WEEK ... Many thanks for your support of our drive to improve punctuality across the school. Some of you travel a substantial distance to arrive at school at each day and, despite having to deal with heavy traffic and unreliable buses, you still ensure your child arrives in their classroom at 8.50am -THANK YOU! National statistics prove that children who arrive punctually ,each day, actually achieve more and have a better chance of reaching their full learning potential than their classmates who do not. Give your child the best chance and get them here **"...on time to start their learning at ten to nine...!"****



## HUNTER'S BAR INFANT SCHOOL 2009-10

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

Date	Event
1 April	• Last day of Spring 2 term
<b>Year 1 Showing Assemblies for parents will take place this half term –look out for dates and times</b>	
19 April	• Summer 1 half term starts for children
20 April	• End of KS1 SAT's Information Meeting for Parents of children in Year 2 at 7.00pm
27 April	• Tennis coaching for Year 1 children begins at the Hallamshire Tennis Club
28 April	• Foundation Stage visit to Whirlow Farm
29 April	• After School Cricket Club starts – <b>more details to follow</b>
3 May	• May Day Bank Holiday
8 May	• H.S.A Spring Fair, 11.30am -2.00pm <b>PLEASE VOLUNTEER YOUR HELP</b>
20 May	• Class group photos
21 May	• Sports Festival for Year 2 at High Storrs School 10am onwards
28 May	• Last day of Summer 1 half term
<b>SPEEDBALL IS COMING SOON!!!!</b>	
7 June	• Summer 2 half term starts for children
7 June	• Healthy Schools Week begins (9am Parent Drop-in regarding health matters)
10 June	• After school Football Club begins
11 June	• INFORMATION CAFE (coffee morning for parents) 8.50am onwards
9 July	• H.S.A 80's Disco, 8.00pm at the Polish Club, Ecclesall Road
23 July	• Last day of Summer 2 term
1,2,3 Sep	• SCHOOL INSET
6 Sep	• Autumn 1 half term starts for children

**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 May 2010 and we therefore await further details of this.**