

Newsletter



HUNTER'S BAR INFANT SCHOOL MARCH 2009



Something special... our new school website is coming soon!
Look out for further details of its launch.

SOME SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – see overleaf.

PUNCTUALITY AND 'EARLY BIRD' WEEK

*Early Bird week was a huge success. Thank you to all our parents and carers for your support last week in raising awareness of the vital importance of good punctuality in order to ensure that no learning time is missed for your children.

*In the week before Early Bird week we noted that 2.3% of our children arrived after the official 8.50am start to the school day. During Early Bird week it decreased to 1.0% which is a terrific achievement – **keep it up everyone!**

ATTENDANCE

*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 year and achieve **our 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).

SAFEGUARDING

Regarding the policy regarding the notification to school of changes in drop-off and collection arrangements for children...

- In order to safeguard your child it is paramount to alert the classteacher of any changes.
- Please write or talk to the classteacher well in advance of any planned changes regarding the adult responsible for bringing your child to school and, most especially, collecting your child at the end of the school day.
- Some changes are of course unavoidable and may happen at the very last minute. You are of course welcome to telephone us with these details in an emergency. However it is important to understand that we cannot guarantee to be able to pass on details to of all last minute changes to your child's classteacher.

HEALTH AND SAFETY CONCERNS

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.
- Now that the better weather is coming, our after school Kids Club will be making much more use of the playground between 3.20 pm and 6.00 pm. In addition to this, Kickstart will be running a further after school sports club after the easter break. For these reasons, we would encourage you to make use of Endcliffe Park for after school play in order that Kickstart and Kids Club can use the playground. Many thanks indeed for your co-operation.

COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICER

A very warm welcome indeed to our new Community Police Officer Russell Hodson. He is keen to get to know our school community and some of you will remember meeting him at the recent Coffee morning.

He will be coming along to **our next planned Coffee morning event on Friday 24th April 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.**

Interested in the Walking Bus...?

Then come along to our next information meeting on Thursday 2nd April at 6.30pm. We know that many of you are working parents and were unable to attend the previous meeting held earlier in the month. ***NB: This is a repeat of that meeting.***

We are delighted to have achieved Activemark for the second year running. This nationally recognised status has been awarded in recognition of the quality PE, Sport and Activity offered to your children in school last year.



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

Date	Event
1 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• H.S.A Meeting 7.45pm –here in school
2 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 1 visit to Endcliffe Methodist Church
2 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Walking Bus information meeting 6.30pm
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 -Summer 1 term
21 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• SAT's information meeting for Year 2 parents
23 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Launch of NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE
24 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coffee morning for parents -9.00-10.00am
27 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Curriculum newsletters sent out to parents today
w/c 27 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• WALK TO SCHOOL Week
w/c 27 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start of End of Key Stage Assessments (SATS) – Year 2
29 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Foundation Stage visit to Whirlow Hall Farm
29 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• After School Cricket Club begins
1 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Closed – INSET
4 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Closed – Bank Holiday
9 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hunter's Bar Infant School SPRING FAIR DAY
19 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Class photographs
22 May 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last day of Summer 1 term
1 June 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Term Starts-Summer 2 term
8 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 2 Visit – Showroom Cinema...details to follow
15 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 2 Sports Festival at High Storrs 9.15am
17 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 1 Sports Festival at High Storrs 9.15am
w/c 6 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual Reports distributed to parents
17 July 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last day of school year
20 July 2009	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Closed – INSET
7 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Term Starts- Autumn 1 term
22 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Last day of Autumn 1 term
23 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School Closed – INSET
2 November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Term Starts- Autumn 2 term