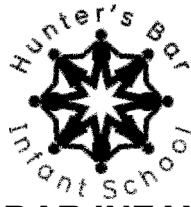


# Newsletter



## HUNTER'S BAR INFANT SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2010

**A very warm welcome back to our new Foundation Stage children, and their parents and carers. We certainly hope they will be very happy here at Hunter's Bar Infant School.**

*Something special! Our garden is such a success (do visit it to and take a look) that Hunter's Bar Infant School have been invited to take part in 'Grow, Walk Eat.' This is a High Storrs family of schools project set up to encourage reciprocity between our local schools and in line with Community Cohesion and the Health initiative. We have invited Porter Croft to walk here and eat food with us grown in our very own garden.*

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



### **HEALTH , SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDING**

- **WATER IN SCHOOL IS COOL...**but not if drunk from another child's bottle or cup!

**PLEASE ENSURE YOU PROVIDE A CLEAN, PLASTIC WATER BOTTLE OR CONTAINER (LABELLED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME) ON A DAILY BASIS. WATER BOTTLES ARE AVAILABLE AT A COST OF JUST £1 FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE.**

Drinking water throughout the day really does improve your child's learning capacity. When thirsty, the memory, attention and concentration of both children and adults can decrease by approx. 10 %. Having regular access to water, aids concentration because your child is not distracted by the effects of dehydration such as thirst, tiredness and irritability

Ensuring free access to water (FROM OUR INDOOR AND OUTDOOR FOUNTAINS) and promoting a regular water intake throughout the school day is a vital role for our school in promoting health and providing a healthy learning environment for your child.

- **ACCESS TO THE SCHOOL...**the main doors into school are open from 8.40am to allow you easy access and the chance to ensure your child can be inside his or her classroom by 8.50am which is the official start of the school day. If you leave the school building after 9.00am it is paramount that, in order to safeguard children, you close all gates and doors behind. Many thanks for your support in this.
- **EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS...** copies of your emergency contact and data collection information will be distributed to all parents and carers of children in Year 1 and Year 2. Please update and return these just as soon as possible.

**NB: Be sure to notify the classteacher (in good time) of any change to the usual adult dropping off or collecting your child at the start or end of the school day.**

- **CHICKEN POX...**we have a child in school for whom exposure to chicken pox can be potentially very serious indeed. Please notify the school office immediately if you suspect your child may be suffering from chicken pox.
- **NUT ALLERGIES...**we also have children in school for whom exposure to nuts can trigger a serious anaphylaxis reaction. We would therefore ask that parents providing a packed lunch do not include nuts or peanut butter. If your child will eat nothing other than peanut butter sandwiches then it is paramount that you notify your child's classteacher in order that the children with allergies can be safeguarded.

### **INFORMATION CAFÉ for parents and carers of HBIS!**

**Please do come along to share a tea or coffee, to network with other parents and find out more about our school community.**

**TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 8.40am ~ 9.40am**, in our school hall.

### **SCHOOL DINNERS**

The cost of a school dinner is now £1.92 per day, which is £9.60 per week. It would be greatly appreciated if dinner money could be paid in advance and on Monday morning only please. Payment for School meals can be made either weekly or half termly and by cash or cheque (payable to Sheffield City Council). Please ensure you label your payment with your child's name and class. Thank you.

### **Staying Eco friendly...**

- **Walking Bus.** We currently have two successful schemes operating daily from the Southgrove Road and Ecclesall Road area and the Psalter Lane area. Further information about these Walking Bus schemes is available in school.
- **Park and Stride.** Both 'The Stag' and 'The Psalter Tavern' pubs on Psalter Lane have kindly offered the use of their car parking facilities to parents of Hunter's Bar Infant School wishing to park for FREE at the start and end of the school day...in this way you can then walk (or stride, cycle and scoot) the remaining short distance to 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. **We would encourage you to ensure these are parked carefully against the wall and not left in a random pile.** Many thanks for your help with this.

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

### **OUR SCHOOL DRESS CODE**

**It consists of the following:**

- Plain sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece in either red or bottle green
- Plain polo shirt in white, red or bottle green
- Checked dresses- red/white or 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 at a reasonable cost from all 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 of 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.

### **SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** **HUNTER'S BAR INFANT SCHOOL 2010-11**

**School term and holiday dates have already been issued – additional copies are still available from the school office and are on our website. [www.huntersbarinfantschool.co.uk](http://www.huntersbarinfantschool.co.uk)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
24 September	• HSA Meeting – 2.45 pm
30 September	• Curriculum Information Meeting for Foundation Stage parents – 7.00~8.00pm
6 October	• Curriculum Information Meeting for parents of Year 1 - 7.00~8.00pm
11 October	• Curriculum Information Meeting for parents of Year 2 - 7.00~8.00pm
12 October	• Information Café
15 October	• Harvest Festival Theme for children having a school lunch
22 October	• Last day of Autumn 1 term
1 November	• Start of Autumn 2 term
3 November	• Individual and family group school photographs
9 November	• Information Café
15 November	• Eid-ul-Adha
17 December	• Last day of Autumn 2 term
5 January	• Term Starts for children- Spring 1 term
10 January	• Welcome meeting for parents of new Foundation Stage children
8 February	• Information Café
18 February	• Last day of Spring 1 term
28 February	• Term Starts for children Spring 2 term
8 April	• Last day of Spring 2 term
26 April	• Term Starts for children Summer 1 term
2 May	• May Day Bank Holiday
27 May	• Last day of Summer 1 term
7 June	• Term Starts for children Summer 2 term
22 July	• Last day of Summer 2 term

**NB: Please note that all schools have been allocated an additional, sixth INSET day in this academic year. This date has still not been decided.**