

# Newsletter



## HUNTER'S BAR INFANT SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2011

A very warm welcome 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.

SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – see overleaf.

*Something special...we received a very generous donation toward our school fund in the summer term from the H.S.A. It enabled a special school enrichment visit in the last term for each year group; bought a selection of special books for children to read in the Eco Tower; has provided an electronic 'visualiser' to support learning in each classroom and gave us a superb set of handbells which was just what the children had requested (and we saw them used to great effect in the Year 2's end of year concert in July). This was an amazing amount of money and we are incredibly grateful to all parents of the H.S.A for your fund raising efforts last year –THANK YOU!*

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

- **CHICKEN POX AND OTHER INFECTIONS...**we have two children 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 any kind of infections which, like chicken pox, are contagious.
- **NUT ALLERGIES...**we also have several children in school for whom exposure to nuts will 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 and seated safely at lunchtime.
- **EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS...** Please ensure your emergency contact details are updated by informing the main office of any changes urgently.
- **NB: Be sure to notify the classteacher (in good time) of any change to the usual adult dropping off or collection arrangements for your child at the start or end of the school day.**



- **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, please ensure you close all gates and doors behind you. Many thanks for your support in this.

### **"What did you do in school today?"**

**\*Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September Information Meeting for Parents of Year 1**

**\*Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October Information Meeting for Foundation Stage parents**

**\*Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October Information Meeting for parents of Year 2**

Come along to the school hall from 7 ~8pm on these dates to discover ...

- what your child is learning at school
- how we know what to teach them
- how we plan and assess for their learning
- what you can do to support your child's learning at home.

What did you do at school today?

**Attention all parents and carers!**

**The school will run an Information Cafe on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October in the school hall from 8.50 ~ 9.50am. Free refreshments available.**

Please come along to join school staff, school governors and representatives of the H.S.A. (Home School Association) along with our Walking Bus Co-ordinator, School nurse and representatives of Taylor Shaw –recently appointed providers of our School meals. The Café is run at least once each term and we hope the information you get from it will offer help and support to you as parents and carers of Hunter's Bar Infant School. The Café is very informal and is a great way to network and meet others in the school community.

**\*Interested in becoming a Parent Governor?** Come along to meet our existing Governors and ask any questions you may have.

**\*Want to join the Walking Bus? Or start a new Walking Bus Route?** Our Walking Bus co-ordinator will be on hand with more information on this.

**\*Do you want a voice in shaping the School Meals offer?** Our new school meal providers Taylor Shaw will be on hand to answer questions and collect your feedback on the current menu plans.

**\*Please bring along any unwanted and nearly new school uniform / dress code items.** The H.S.A will then sell these on (for a small price) to other parents and again, the proceeds will be donated to the school fund.

**\*We also have school computers on offer to a good home!** Come along to reserve one (in return for a small donation to our school fund).

**We are one of only eleven Sheffield schools who have the top, Green Flag Award status. Help us stay Eco friendly...**

- **Walking Bus.** We currently have two successful schemes –one operating daily from the Southgrove and Ecclesall Road area and the second running from the Psalter Lane/ Sharrow Vale Road roundabout. **Further information about these Walking Bus schemes will be available at the Information Cafe on 11<sup>th</sup> October.**
- **Our Park and Stride scheme.** 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. At the moment, this can be found via the green wooden gate, at the very end of the lower playground. **We would encourage you to ensure these are parked carefully rather than in a random pile.** Many thanks for your help with this.

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

**PLEASE FOLLOW OUR SCHOOL DRESS CODE** which 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 all 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 then 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 £1.60 each.

**The H.S.A is always happy to accept clean, unwanted items of school uniform/ dress code clothing –which can be offered for resale for a very small and nominal fee (all contributions going to the school fund) to other parents. Please drop these into the school office –thank you!**

**SCHOOL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

## HUNTER'S BAR INFANT SCHOOL 2011-12

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

Date	Event
29 September	• Information Meeting for Parents of Year 1 from 7.00~8.00pm
5 October	• Information Meeting for Foundation Stage parents from 7.00~8.00pm
11 October	• Information Café (Coffee Morning event) for parents 8.50am in the school hall
12 October	• Information Meeting for parents of Year 2 from 7.00~8.00pm
21 October	• Last day of Autumn 1 term
31 October	• Start of Autumn 2 term
3 November	• Parent Consultation Meetings with class teachers during the evening
7 November	• Year 1 class showing assemblies take place for parents in this week (more details to follow)
8 November	• Parent Consultation Meetings with class teachers during the evening
<b>DETAILS OF YEAR GROUP PERFORMANCES, IN CELEBRATION OF C'MAS, TO FOLLOW</b>	
16 December	• Last day of Autumn 2 term
4 January	• Term Starts for children- Spring 1 term
9 January	• Welcome meeting for parents of new Foundation Stage children
13 February	• Year 2 class showing assemblies take place for parents in this week (more details to follow)
17 February	• Last day of Spring 1 term
20 February	• Term Starts for children Spring 2 term
23 February	• Parent Consultation Meetings with class teachers during the evening
28 February	• Parent Consultation Meetings with class teachers during the evening
5 March	• Year 1 class showing assemblies take place for parents in this week (more details to follow)
12 March	• Class 1, 2 & 3 showing assemblies take place for parents in this week (more details to follow)
26 March	• Year 2 class showing assemblies take place for parents in this week (more details to follow)
30 March	• Last day of Spring 2 term
16 April	• Term Starts for children Summer 1 term
23 April	• Year 1 class showing assemblies take place for parents in this week (more details to follow)
30 April	• Class 1, 2 & 3 showing assemblies take place for parents in this week (more details to follow)
7 May	• May Day Bank Holiday
18 June	• Year 1 class showing assemblies take place for parents in this week (more details to follow)
25 June	• Class 1, 2 & 3 showing assemblies take place for parents in this week (more details to follow)
2 July	• Annual Reports to Parents out this week, followed by an Open Day Event in school for parents and children (more details to follow)
9 July	• Year 2 End of Year concert to take place in this week (more details to follow)
20 July	• Last day of Summer 2 term

**NB: Schools have also been granted one day of holiday in lieu of the 2012 Jubilee Day celebrations. Hunter's Bar Schools will notify all parents and carers of this date just as soon as it has been agreed.**