

# **NEWSLETTER**

10th October 2008

## **Parent Consultation Evenings**

These will be held next week on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October. If you have not yet returned the slip requesting an appointment with your child's teacher, please do so as soon as possible.

## **Stars of the Annual Derby City Headteachers' Conference!**

Well done to Emily Green and Rebecca Helm who were selected to perform in a drama production with a group of children from schools across the city at the Headteachers' Conference on Thursday evening. They were absolutely brilliant and a credit to the school.

## **Cross Country News**

Once again our cross country runners did us proud at an inter-schools competition at Moorways Stadium last Wednesday evening. The final team results are not available yet, but we have some very talented runners, many of whom came home in very fast times. Many thanks to the parents who helped with transport and organisation. We would not be able to take the children to such events without your support.

## **Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities Course for Parents**

Mrs Heap, our Learning Mentor, and Mrs Whittingham from the Infant School, will shortly be running this course at a local venue. It was held last year and all parents who took part found it very useful and enjoyable. The course runs for 12 weeks and is ideal for people with children of any age (including teenagers). We have a few vacancies, so if you are interested in taking part, please telephone Mrs Heap on 662115 for more information. There will be a free crèche, free refreshments and all course materials will be provided. Transport may also be provided if necessary.

## **"Get Kids on the Go!"**

Your child has been given a booklet called "Get Kids on the Go!" This is a new publication from The British Heart Foundation full of excellent ideas for healthy family physical activities and healthy eating. The booklets are free of charge, but the school has made a small donation to the British Heart Foundation to help cover their costs. We hope you find the booklets interesting and useful.

### **School Nurse**

The school nurse, Susie Fetherstone, will be in school on the following dates: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November and Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. 2.45pm – 3.45pm. She is available for confidential advice and support - no appointment is needed, or you can contact her directly on 01332 288782. Susie will be at the Infants on the alternate Tuesday mornings.

### **Christmas Lunch**

Our school Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December. **If your child usually has a school meal, you do not need to do anything as they will automatically be given a meal on the day.** If, however, your child usually brings a packed lunch, then they are welcome to have a Christmas meal instead on 10<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like your child to have a Christmas meal, please send £1.55 in a named, sealed envelope marked "Christmas Lunch" as soon as possible.

### **Federation**

Many thanks to all the parents who have returned the consultation paper regarding federating the Infant and Junior Schools. The closing date for consultation is 24<sup>th</sup> October.

If you require any further information regarding Federation, please do not hesitate to contact the school or governors.

### **Dates for Your Diary: 2008/9**

#### **Autumn Term 2008**

Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultation Evening
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent Consultation Evening
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	Individual photographs
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Break up for Half term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Return to school
w/c 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Book week
<b>24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Whole School Assessments (Please do not book holidays during or immediately before this week.)</b>
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up for Christmas

#### **Spring Term 2009**

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2009	INSET day (to be confirmed)
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2009	Return to school
w/c 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2009	Maths week
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2009	INSET day (to be confirmed)
11 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2009	SATs Assessments (No holidays will be authorised during this week; please do not book holidays immediately before this week.)

Please be aware that further INSET days from September 2008 onwards are yet to be confirmed.