

NEWSLETTER

17th October 2008

Parent Consultation Evenings

Many thanks to all parents who attended the Parent Consultation Evenings this week. I trust you found it useful. We are currently analysing the questionnaires which were returned on the night and will be informing you of the outcomes in due course.

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.

Christmas Lunch

Our school Christmas lunch will be on Wednesday 10th 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 10th December. If you would like your child to have a Christmas meal, please send £1.55 in a named, sealed envelope marked "Christmas Lunch" **before 24th October** as the food needs to be ordered from the suppliers.

Lads and Dads

We are considering organising a Lads and Dads activity in the summer term – possibly involving an overnight stay at Cromford Venture Centre. Watch this space for further details.

Parking

Could parents please refrain from parking on the yellow zig-zag lines at the school entrance. These markings are for the children's safety. Could parents also try not to block the driveways of our neighbours when dropping off and picking up children. The police will be monitoring the situation.

School Photographs

The school photographer will be in school on Monday to take individual photographs of the children.

Federation

Please see attached letter.

Dates for Your Diary: 2008/9

Autumn Term 2008

Monday 20 th October	Individual photographs
Friday 24 th October	Break up for Half term
Monday 3 rd November	Return to school
Tuesday 4 th November	School Nurse Drop-in 2.45 – 3.45pm
w/c 10 th November	Book week
Tuesday 18 th November	School Nurse Drop-in 2.45 – 3.45pm
24th – 28th November	Whole School Assessments (Please do not book holidays during or immediately before this week.)
Tuesday 2 nd December	School Nurse Drop-in 2.45 – 3.45pm
Friday 19 th December	Break up for Christmas

Spring Term 2009

Monday 5 th January 2009	INSET day
Tuesday 6 th January 2009	Return to school
w/c 19 th January 2009	Maths week
Friday 13 th February 2009	Break up for half-term
Monday 23 rd February 2009	Return
Friday 13 th March 2009	INSET day
Friday 3 rd April 2009	Break up for Easter
Monday 20 th April 2009	Return
Monday 4 th May 2009	Bank holiday
11 th - 15 th May 2009	SATs Assessments (No holidays will be authorised during this week; please do not book holidays immediately before this week.)
Friday 22 nd May 2009	Break up for Half term
Monday 1 st June 2009	Return
w/c 8 th June 2009	Scarborough week (year 6)
Wednesday 22 nd July 2009	Last day of term

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