



September 2009

Newsletter

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Welcome to the new school year! Already so much has been happening and we are set for a busy and exciting term ahead. The children have made a fantastic start and we are feeling really content to be back.

During the summer improvements were made to the building, The mundane roof repairs were balanced with more exciting developments inside school; the library had a face lift with new lighting and fresh decoration and the ICT Suite is renamed as The Sunshine Room in recognition of it now being a bright multi-function space with good ICT facilities. Both are already being used very well and it's lovely to see the children in this new environment.

Y5 Performance

Remembering the end of last academic year it's worth mentioning the Y5 (now Y6 pupils) superb end of year performance. It really was "out of this world"

Parents said:

*Best show this year!
You were all so professional!
Beautiful solos – well done!
Loved it all, especially the big musical numbers!
What fun. Really enjoyed it all
Amazing talent*

Found during Y5 performance:

Camera battery pack. If you have lost yours it may be in here in school waiting for you to collect it. Please enquire at the school office.

Term Dates

Summer Term 2 (7 weeks)

Monday 1 June to Friday 17 July
Summer Holiday: Monday 20 July to Friday 4 September (Thursday 3 and Friday 4 September are **inset days**: children should not attend school)

Winter Term 1 (7 weeks)

Monday 7 September to Friday 23 October
Half-term : Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October

Winter Term 2 (7 weeks)

Monday 2 November to Thursday 17 December
Inset days: Friday 27th November and Friday 18 December.
Christmas Holiday: Monday 21 December to Friday 1 January

Spring Term 1 (6 weeks)

Monday 4 January to Friday 12 February
Half-term: Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February

Spring Term 2 (6 weeks)

Monday 22 February to Thursday 1 April
Easter Holiday: Friday 2 April to Friday 16 April

Summer Term 1 (6 weeks)

Monday 19 April to Friday 28 May
Bank Holiday: Monday 3 May
Half term: Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June

Summer Term 2 (7 weeks)

Monday 7 June to Thursday 22 July

The final inset day has been arranged for Friday 23 July

Swine Flu Update: School is the right place for your child

We will remain open to ensure our children:

- ◆ remain in a safe environment
- ◆ sustain their learning
- ◆ parents and carers remain free to deliver other critical services across the city

Children should come to school unless they have any symptoms and we will follow up non attendance in the usual manner. If your child develops symptoms at school you may need to take children home at short notice. If your contact numbers have changed please let us know as soon as possible.

'Flu like symptoms' can be sudden onset of fever, cough or shortness of breath. Other symptoms can include headache sore throat, tiredness, aching muscles, chills, sneezing, runny nose or loss of appetite.

If your child develops symptoms either at home or at school you should contact NHS direct or your doctor.

School Absences and Holiday Requests

To ensure the well-being of all our pupils we must be able to account for the whereabouts of all pupils. If your child is unable to attend school please let the school know by ringing the school on 2660547 and selecting option 1, the pupil absence line. If your child is late for school they must sign in at the office before going to class, this ensures that they are marked present in the register. If we have not received a message about a pupils absence a member of staff will ring home to ensure that the pupil is safe: parents can help us by contacting school before 9:20 am so that the time spent calling to check on pupils is kept to a minimum.

Please remember that if you wish to take your child out of school during term time you need to complete and return a holiday request form at least 10 school days before the days you are requesting. Holidays during term time will only be authorised if the holiday cannot be taken during term time and there are **exceptional circumstances**, therefore you should explain clearly your reason for requesting absence from school during term time. Holiday request forms are available from the school office.

Y6 Enterprise Day Raised £380!

On Wednesday 15 July the Year 6 pupils held an Enterprise Day to raise funds for the playground developments. They will be worked together in small groups, each group was given £5 to run a stall, eg, cakes stall, face painting, games, etc. At the end of the day they repaid the £5 the £380 profit goes towards the playground development.

Thank you to everyone for making the day a success.

Special Needs Support Drop In

At Hunter's Bar Junior we are committed to supporting all our children to achieve the very best they can. To do this we want to support them in the most effective and appropriate ways suited to their needs. We are also keen to help parents to support their children in the most productive ways possible.

If your child is receiving Special Needs Support in school we would like to invite you to an informal drop in session on Tuesday 20 October or Thursday 22 October between 3.30 & 5.30.

Please note this is the same day as parents' evening—we hope that you will find this helpful.

Letters will be with parent evening letters

Who's who?

Staffing

Headteacher: Jill Hallsworth

Deputy Headteacher: Lynnette Glossop

Assistant Headteacher: Michael Watson (Acting)

Class teachers:

Y3: Mike Bywaters, Alex Beauchamp, Sybil Herbert

Y4: Michael Watson/Jacqui Stockley, Claire Lunn, Jane Lovett

Y5: Laura Panter, John Jenkin, Simon Murch,

Y6: Kathy Baillie/Joanne Brocklesby, Chloe Saunders, Oliver Wright/Helen Walton

Modern Foreign Languages: Vicky McDougall

PPA Sarah Banks, Naomi Aistrop, Bianca Veldhuizen

EAL Liz Roscoe

Support staff:

Senior Administrative Officer: Carol Hardwick

Office Manager Sandra Gregory

Clerical Officer: Sharon Arber

Teaching Assistants: Susannah Sollitt, Janice Pringle, Louise Blacksell, Nicola Sawyer, Sajida Khurram, Lucia Kempsey, Rachel Johnson

Curriculum & Resource Manager Thomas Jenkins

General Assistant: Claire Scott

Caretaker: Vaughan Pursall

Cook: Sheila Offiler

Lunchtime Supervisors Jill Gilbert, Ubal Mohammed, Norah Gregoire, Alfreda Aziz

Cleaning staff: Carole Leadley, Sue Smith, Sarah Laughton

School Nursing Sister: Sarah Graham

School Governors, September 2009

You can contact the governing body by writing to Chair of the governing body, c/o the school.

Chair of Governors **Steve Randall**

Parent: Diane Wilkinson

Parent: Sue Whittaker

Parent: Mike Woolley

Parent: Farzana Camran

Parent: Nick Hoare

Parent: Auriel Majumdar

LA: Kate Quail

LA: Richard Deeks

Community: Zahid Saleem

Community: Sylvia Yates

Community: Yogi Amin

Community: Vacancy

Headteacher: Jill Hallsworth

Teacher: Lynnette Glossop

Non-Teaching staff: Nicola Sawyer

Associate Jane Lovett

Home School Association:

Contact Jo Gleig, Sarah Banks or Jacqui Stockley via the school office

