

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Dear Parents, Carers, Pupils and Friends

DATE: 20th March 2009

UPDATE ON STAFFING SITUATION

As you will be aware we currently have a number of staff absent from school.

We are all working hard to try to ensure that we limit the impact this has on the children.

Mrs Wood has settled well into Year 1 and I am sure that parents will be pleased with the progress the children are making and the very positive relationships that she has developed with them.

I am working closely with the local authority to secure the services of an experienced Year 4 teacher to cover the class while Mrs Clamp is absent. I hope to be in a position to let you know what is happening early next week.

It has been necessary for Mrs Watson to teach in Year 4 this week. However, Mrs Watson will be back in her class on Monday. We understand that a number of parents have expressed concerns regarding this arrangement. I would like to assure you that these were exceptional circumstances and we do not anticipate that there will be any further disruption to Year 2.

If you have any concerns or queries please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Watson.

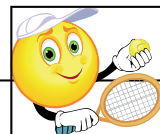
NURSERY VISIT TO BILL QUAY FARM

The Nursery children visited Bill Quay Farm on Wednesday. The children had a wonderful time and, for once, I am pleased to say that they had lovely weather.

I am sure the children will remember the visit for a long time!



CONGRATULATIONS TO... Josh Dumble, Ellie Robson, Izzy Icton, Reece Makel, Ricky McCoy, Dillon Swan, Matthew Westgarth, Beth Freeman and Anya Hawley who took part in the Tony Blair Tennis Challenge at Ryton Comprehensive School on Tuesday.



MISSING JUMPER

I have been asked by a parent to let you know that a Blue Jumper has gone missing from our Reception class.

The jumper is from Asda. Unfortunately, there is no name in it.

Can I please remind parents that if you are buying items of uniform from suppliers other than school you must make sure these items are clearly identifiable to avoid missing items not being reunited with their owners!

MRS STOREY would like to ask all parents using the Nursery end gate not to allow their children to play in the Nursery play area.

We have had several instances where items have been damaged or have been taken from the area.

This is a teaching area specifically set up each day for Nursery and Reception children.

I am more than happy for parents to use this gate, however, I would ask parents to ensure their children stay on the main school yard.

Many thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

OLIVER TWIST

I would like to let you know that we are having a production of *Oliver Twist* in school on Wednesday morning.

This is a wonderful opportunity for children to experience travelling theatre. The production is suitable for children from Reception to Year 6.

Can I please ask you to make a voluntary contribution of £1.00 towards this production to ensure that we can continue to develop children's love of the theatre by being able to have further productions in school.



PARENTS' NIGHT

Can I remind you that Parents' Night takes place on Monday, 23rd and Tuesday, 24th March.

You should already have received a letter from your child's class teacher regarding time slots for Parents' Night.

If you have not already received a letter please see your child's class teacher.

ATTENDANCE FIGURES—6th March 2009

Last week's attendance figures are:

Reception— 89.0%, 1B— 95.4%, 2W— 94.8%, 3L— 96.5%, 4C— 91.7%, 5D— 98.4%, 6C—90.0% and 6F—94.4%

This week's attendance prize was won by Miss Donnelly's class, who have now won the attendance prize for the past four weeks! Our whole school attendance is 93.7% which is just below our school target.

AND FINALLY

I hope you all have a fabulous weekend!



Head Teacher