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### ***Special Events and Dates:***

#### **INSET Days:**

- Friday 18 February 2011
- Monday 13th June 2011

**26th January** —Young Voices Concert (Class 3)

**8th February** —Class 3 to Urban Studies Centre

**17th February** —Children finish for Half Term

**18th February** —INSET day

**28th February**—School re-opens for the start of term Spring 4

#### **Parent's Evening Week:**

- Monday 7th March
- Tuesday 8th March
- Wednesday 9th March

#### **Gallop:**

- Saturday 12th March

#### **White Hall (Y5/6):**

- Wed 30 March to Fri 1st April

#### **PTA Meeting:**

- Wednesday 30th March, 7.30pm

**Friday 15th April—**

School closes for Easter Holidays

**Tuesday 3rd May—**

School re-opens for term Summer 5



# Grindleford Primary School Newsletter

24 January 2011

## Spring Term 3



Welcome back to our third term of the school year. I hope you all had a happy Christmas and New Year break, it feels so far away now! Thank you so much to everyone who sent best wishes and gifts to school before Christmas, they were much appreciated.

As you can see from the diary dates list, this is due to be another busy term. There are lots of exciting events happening for the children and yourselves, so please keep the dates safe!

#### **THANK YOU!**

A huge thank you must go to all the parents and children who helped to clear the school playgrounds and paths of snow just before Christmas. It was a mammoth task and quite good fun with everyone working together.



Thank you so much to St Helen's Church and Rev Gilbert for allowing us to finish the term on such a lovely note, with the Nativity and Carol Concert being held in the Church. It really made both events quite special.

A special thank you should also go to The Maynard for inviting the whole school for another excellent day of making Christmas Puddings. The children were all extremely well behaved and lunch was very nice!



Well done to Class 1 and Class 3 for their excellent behaviour during the trips they went on before Christmas. All the children were highly praised for their

attitude, behaviour and manners. They are a great credit to you and to the school.

#### **SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS**



As you know we have now got garden planters and benches for the playground. Any spare bags of soil that you may have cluttering up your sheds would be gratefully received so that we can start planting them up. Any spare plants or cuttings would be good as well!

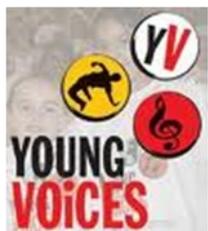


We have also just agreed a deal for the bottom playground to be resurfaced in safety surfacing. This work is due to start this week (Wednesday) and will mean that the playground will be out of action till the end of the week. All children will have to access the school yard through the kitchen gate or the footpath gate from Wednesday onwards for the rest of the week. Sorry for this inconvenience, but it will all be worth it in the end!



We are also expecting our new chairs to arrive shortly to join our new tables.

The next plan of refurbishments will be to look into the possibility and cost of resurfacing the top playground and maybe even a climbing wall, as this is what the children really want to have. We will also be looking into trying to paint the interior of the main building, so watch this space as we may need help!



### YOUNG VOICES

As you know, this was cancelled due to the poor weather prior to Christmas. The arena date has been rescheduled for Wednesday 26th January. All other details remain exactly the same as on the letter we sent you for the original date. Your child will still need a packed tea for the evening. You will also need to confirm the pick-up arrangements for your children as we are aware that some of this may have changed. All original tickets are still valid for this event - so you don't need to obtain any new ones.

### FLU SYMPTOMS

After the recent outbreaks of flu like illnesses, Derbyshire County Council have issued new guidelines for parents with pupils of school age to follow, to avoid infecting other pupils and staff. These are as follows:



'Pupils with flu like symptoms (these include: fever of greater than 38 degrees celsius, dry chesty cough, sneezing, aching muscles, sore throat and headache) should stay away from school until they are symptom free. If children feel ill with flu like symptoms whilst at school they should be isolated and sent home. They should keep warm, rest and drink lots of fluids to prevent dehydration.'



As a school we will be following these guidelines and thank you in advance for your co-operation.

### CHESS COMPETITION!

We are pleased to announce that many members of the Chess Club expressed an interest in a national chess competition. The school-based tournament will take place over the next few weeks and those taking part will be playing for the title of school champion 2010. Depending on their final score, they may have the opportunity to take part in a regional tournament against children from other schools. There are lots of rubbers, mascots and badges to be won for all who take part. If your child is interested then they need to see Mr Petts to register an interest. There are 30 places and members of chess club are welcome to take part. The games are self-managed so it is important that your child understands the basics of chess in order to take part.



### After-School Clubs

#### Monday:

- *Sewing Club* - 3.20 till 4.15pm. All ages welcome. Please see Mrs Parkin for availability of places.
- *Technology Club* - 3.20 till 4.15pm. For just Class 3, this club will be looking at Lego robots and Scratch. Places limited to 8 only—first come first served!

#### Wednesday:

- *Choir* - A new school choir is being started! For Year 2 upwards—only people interested in singing to join please. From 3.20 to 4.15pm.. Starting on the 2nd February 2011.

*Any changes to the above information will be sent out either through text alerts or a letter. Thank you.*

### WEBSITE — UPDATE

Our new website is currently being built by Mr Petts and should be with us very soon! If there is anything that parents would particularly like to see on the website or be able to use the website for please email Mr Petts and he will see whether it your ideas can be incorporated.



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### Free School Meals—Are you entitled?



To be eligible for free school meals you must be in receipt of Income Support or income based Job-seeker's Allowance, or the guarantee element of State Pension Credit; or Child Tax Credit (with an annual income of less than £14,495). Anybody claiming Working Tax Credit is not eligible.

If you have not yet managed to pay dinner money for this half term, please pay before the end of this week. Thank you.

### Winter Clothing

As the weather is still quite inclement the children will need to bring in a suitably warm and waterproof coat. We try to let the children get lots of fresh air so we do all go outside in drizzle and light rain.



During the Spring months we will be using the Trim Trail at any opportunity that we can, so please remember children need sensible shoes to be safe on the equipment. In wet weather they will still require Wellingtons. As always please make sure all items of clothing are named!