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Grindleford Primary School Newsletter

17th September 2010

Autumn Term 1

Special events and dates:

INSET DAYS:

- Monday 6th September 2010
- Tuesday 7th September 2010
- Friday 22nd October 2010
- Monday 1st November 2010
- Tuesday 4th January 2011
- Friday 18 February 2011
- Monday 13th June 2011

(We have been very lucky to be given a Building Closure Inset day at the start of term and another extra Inset day for curriculum planning which every school Nationally has received).

Wednesday 22nd September—HVC staff to talk to Parents of Y6 pupils about transition., 7pm at school. Letters from HVC to follow.

Friday 5th November—Individual Photographs

Wednesday 10th November - All KS2 children to Chatsworth

Half Term—Monday 25th November to Friday 29th October. Please note the two INSET days either end of the half term holiday.

Tuesday 8th November—Parent's Evening

Thursday 11th November—Parent's Evening

Thursday 2nd December—Young Voices (Class 3)

Tuesday 7th December - FS and KS1 Christmas Production

Tuesday 21st December—School breaks up for Christmas Break.

Christmas Break—Wednesday 22nd December to Tuesday 4th January (INSET).

Please check subsequent Newsletters for any changes to the Diary Dates.



Welcome back to the first term in our brand new building! As I am sure you will all agree the building looks absolutely fabulous and was well worth the wait.



It is a very exciting time now, as we can start to develop our playground fully and improve the facilities inside the main building. Our first task



is to develop an outdoor play area for our Foundation Stage children.

Whilst we have a small pot of funds already saved up, we shall be working extremely closely with yourselves through the PTA to raise money for the extra goodies we fancy (like safety tarmac, chairs etc)—may I take this opportunity to thank you for all your help in advance!!!

Our main entrance is once again off the Sir William Pub car park, with Mrs Callis' new office being at the doorway. The main entrance for the playground is through the double gates at the bottom of the car park. You may still use the side gate to the top yard, although the gate to the back of the kitchen is now not being used.



The playground gates will be opened at 8.45am and closed after the children

have come into school. Parents are able to make their escape through these two gates before they are locked! If, on the rare occurrence, anyone arrives later than this then you need to go to the main door and sign in with Mrs Callis. Thank you for your support in this .

CONGRATULATIONS!

As you are aware Grindleford Horticultural Society held their annual Show during the summer holidays. Many con-



gratulations to Freya, Joe, Grace, Olivia, Ellie M, Katie and Beth who won 1st prize in the pottery competition. Second prize went to Anna, Elliot, Tom, Charlie, Ellie D, George and Ollie, with Phoebe, Harry M, Harry N, Connor, Eleanor, Sanjna and Aidan taking third prize. Each child worked on their own tile landscape, which were then fitted together into a large landscape. All the pottery work was highly commended.



Congratulations also go to our poetry winners. Ezri Petts won 1st prize in the 5



-6 years age group; Ellie Marshall came 1st in the 10-11 years;



Julia Battarbee won 1st prize in the 7-9 years competition with Eleanor Ives and Grace Gilbert each winning 2nd Prize.

GOVERNANCE—Our Chair of Governors, Mr Philip Edge, is coming to the end of his term in office and we would like to extend our thanks for all his hard work. A new Chair will be appointed at the first Governors meeting which will take place this October.

Information/Items for Mrs Callis



To save your legs we will now have a box in the porch area into which you may put information or items for Mrs Callis. This will be emptied daily and will hopefully ease the bottleneck at Mrs Callis' new office in a morning.

School Dinners

As you know we have all our meals cooked on site by Emma and they are Gold Award Standard gorgeous! If over the next few weeks you decide that a lovely hot meal at lunchtime is the way forward then please have a look at the attached dinner menu to see what is on offer and whether you fancy trying them or not. If anyone would like to change to school dinners or sandwiches, then 2 weeks notice is required, in writing please, to aid the ordering of food process. Please can any dinner monies be paid if you haven't done so already. The price for school dinners stands at £9.25 per week or £61.05 up until half term.



Celebrate the Great British Roast!

Come and join us to celebrate the Great British Food Fortnight! On Wednesday 29th September we will be having a Great British Roast as part of the British Food Fortnight celebrations which run from 18 September to 3 October. All parents, grandparents, carers etc are very welcome to join us for lunch on this day, as are any children who currently have sandwiches for their school lunch. This is a superb opportunity to taste the excellent high quality food that is served to our children on a daily basis. If you would like to take part then please fill in Tracey in the office by Tuesday 21 September so that the correct amount of food may be ordered.

Free School Meals—Are you entitled?

To be eligible for free school meals you must be in receipt of Income Support or income based Jobseeker'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.

After-School Clubs

This term we will be offering the following clubs:

Monday:

- *Class 3 Choir* - Open to all of Class 3 in preparation for Young Voices. From 3.20 until 4.15pm. (Film Club will start again in the Spring Term).

Thursday:

- *Sewing club* - There are 20 places available on a first come, first served basis. All ages welcome.. From 3.20 to 4.15pm.. Starting on the 30th September 2010.
- *KS1 Club*—Lots of different activities for anyone in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. From 3.20 to 4.15. Starting on the 22nd September 2010.

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

Class 3 Gymnastics

Class 3 will be taking part in Gymnastics sessions every Monday morning at Hope Valley College until October Half Term.

French and Spanish

Dominique will be starting her French and Spanish sessions at lunchtimes again from the week beginning 20th September 2010.



Penny Whistle and Violin

Ria will be starting her penny whistle and violin lessons on Friday the 24th September 2010.

Tuck Shop

As you know we usually run a healthy eating tuck shop on a Monday morning break time. The tuck shop price list is displayed in the playground information boards and is very reasonably priced. The children do not need to spend any more than £1 maximum. Tuck shop will be starting again on Monday the 27th September 2010.

Uniform

Please can you all ensure that all items of clothing are labeled clearly, as we will then be able to return them to their rightful owners.





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Transfer to Secondary Education

During the week commencing 13 September all Year 6 parents should have received a personal-

ized letter and a leaflet from Derbyshire County Council via their child. This information summarises the application process and will encourage you to complete your application to secondary school either online or by phoning Call Derbyshire on 08456 058 058. If any parent would like to use the school computers to complete an online application, please feel free to arrange a convenient time. The closing date for submission of applications is midnight on Sunday 31st October 2010. However, if you would prefer to complete a paper application form, then these must be returned to school by Thursday 21st October due to half term. If you require any help or advice in completing the application form please either call into school or contact Derbyshire Parent Partnership on 01246 273154 or email parent.partnership@derbyshire.gov.uk

St Helen's Church – Celebrating 100!

Grindleford St. Helen's Parochial Church Council invite all parents and children of Grindleford Primary School to the Centenary Service on 19th September at 10.00am with Bishop Alastair, Bishop of Derby. All the children have been learning a special song in school so it would be lovely to have a big turn out to celebrate with our local church.



Calling all girls aged 5 to 7 years! Are you interested in becoming a member of the Rainbows? If so, the Rainbows meet every Monday at Bishop's Pavillion, from 5 to 6pm. It is £15 per term and you will get to do lots of interesting activities and learn lots of new things. See Mrs Bingley in school for more information or talk to our current Rainbows in Class 2.

Winter Clothing

As the weather gets colder and a little more 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 Autumn months we will still 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!

Attachments!

- PTA Invitation to next meeting
- Lunchtime Menu
- Update Sheets—Please check, amend and return as soon as possible to the office.



Keep informed with text alerts with our text2parents service. Ask in the office for