

# NEWSLETTER

29<sup>th</sup> January 2010

## **Parent Governor Vacancy**

We still have one vacant position for a Parent governor. If you are interested please speak to Mrs Dronfield for details.

## **Homework on-line**

All the children in Year 5 have been able to access homework tasks on-line for some time. This has proved to be very popular with the children and parents. We are now widening this opportunity to Years 3 and 4. The children will be given a personal password which will enable them to access the homework module directly.

As a school we pay a subscription for a site licence which enables us to use the site in school. However, there is a set-up cost of £2 per pupil for all the individual passwords. We would therefore like to ask parents for a voluntary contribution of £1 towards this cost. We hope to be 'live' by the end of next week but you may wish to have a look at the site in the meantime. Go to [www.EducationCity.com](http://www.EducationCity.com).

## **Year 3/4 Food Tasting**

On Tuesday Year 3 and 4 will be sampling a range of dried fruits and cereals to be used in their Snack Attack Challenge. If you child has any new food allergies please can you contact the class teacher immediately.

## **Coffee Morning**

The next coffee morning will be a coffee afternoon! It will be on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February starting at 1.45pm. All welcome.

## **Hair Styles/School uniform**

We have had a few instances recently of children coming to school with inappropriate hair styles. This can be a contentious issue and I have to say that parents have been very supportive of the school when issues have arisen. We believe that it is very important that the children come to school smartly dressed as it gives a positive impression of not only the school but also of the children themselves. The school policy is quite clear regarding hair styles and school uniform and I would ask parents to be mindful of this when requested by their child for 'unusual hair styles' and 'non-standard school uniform' e.g. black plimsolls.

Having said all that please see the next item!

### **Non-uniform day**

The school council have persuaded me to hold a non-uniform day on the last day of term. The theme will be "The Professionals" (e.g. Firefighter, Dancer, Plumber, Chef, Doctor, Nurse, Footballer, Teacher!) and they have agreed to pay £1 for a chosen charity. They also are holding a raffle to raise funds for the Haiti disaster relief effort.

It is heartening that the children themselves are putting these suggestions forward it reflects their caring nature and desire to help others less fortunate. Well done School Council!

### **Parking**

Could I ask that parents picking up their children from school do not block our neighbours drives and also not park on the grass next to Maine Drive. Your co-operation would be appreciated.

### **Dates for Your Diary:**

#### **Spring Term 2010**

Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 Parents evenings
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up for Half Term
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Return
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Coffee afternoon
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Photographs
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parents Evenings (Years 3/4 and 5)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Coffee morning
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Break up for Easter

#### **Summer term 2010**

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Return
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	May Bank Holiday
w/c 10 <sup>th</sup> May	Key Stage 2 SATs week (Year 6)
w/c 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Assessments (Years 3, 4 and 5)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for Half Term
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	INSET Day
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Return
w/c 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Scarborough – Year 6 (provisional)
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Last day of School Year