

**Pyjama Day
tomorrow!**
£1 for Manchester
Children's Hospital



Newsletter

22nd October 2009



Here we are at the end of the first half term; it's difficult to imagine how much has already taken place this year and how much progress the children have made. It's a good time to have a break because we seem to have been struck down by viruses this week. One of them is a high temperature and a cold, cough or both and one is a sickness bug. However, the children seem to be recovering well and remarkably quickly.

Y5 have gone off to Kingswood via RAF Cosford and will be reporting back after the holiday.

Safeguarding – this continues to be an issue to be kept at the forefront. When Reception children are playing at the front of school, please do not ask them to open the gate for you. This has happened on one occasion and has obviously been dealt with but it will help if you are aware of what we are teaching the children about their safety.

As you have no doubt read in the newspapers, the requirements for CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) checking in schools have changed. Any helper or visitor who may now be on their own (i.e. not with a teacher) with a child or group of children must be checked. This is obviously going to include the parents/carers who help with school trips and we are therefore preparing a list of people who are willing to be checked, to be kept as a bank to help with these occasions. There will be no cost, as volunteers receive their checks free. If you are happy to be included on this list i.e. you expect to volunteer to help with something outside the classroom over the next year, please contact Mrs Edney (Jayne.bcs@traffordlearning.org) or leave your name at the office.



A request from Year 1 teachers – we must make sure that such young children are handed over to the correct person. Could you please make sure that you can be clearly seen from the Y1 door and make yourself known to the staff, if they have not spotted you.



Pyjama Day tomorrow – Friday 23rd October. The children may wear pyjamas, slippers and a dressing gown for school, (even those going swimming) although they should bring outdoor shoes for playtimes, with the collection (£1 per child) going to Manchester Children's Hospital. We have explained the reasons for this appeal to the children and are expecting to receive more information on how the money has been used from the hospital afterwards.

Two Feet Shoe Fitting - Two Feet, Children's Shoes will be at the Good as New Sale on November 7th. This is a skilled shoes fitting service where you can either just have your children's feet measured or you can buy shoes too. Great timing for winter or Christmas shoes! There is also a shop in Altrincham, off Atlantic Street at 1 Craven Court, Altrincham, Cheshire WA15 5DY, tel 0161 929 1394 or email info@twofeet.biz or website www.twofeet.biz . If you contact them this way, please say that you are from Bowdon Church School. Two Feet are hoping to come into school 3 or 4 times a year, to save time spent queuing in shoe shops. They stock recognised makes such as Start-rite, GEOX, Petasil and Ricosta.



Hockey League Matches – two hockey teams were involved in league matches this week, with the A team winning 1, drawing 1 and losing 2 (4 points) and the B team drawing 2 and losing 2 (2 points). Again the sportsmanship was impressive and Mr Hamblett would like to particularly mention Matthew Calvin and Sam Anderson for outstanding goalkeeping, Freddie Wallwork for battling with great confidence and the girls for trying so hard. It was a cold, miserable evening and the children's perseverance and enthusiasm was great.

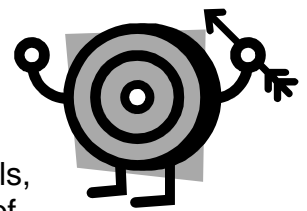
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Good as New reminder – don't forget the Good and New on Saturday 7th November. There will be great bargains available and excellent recycling opportunities to be had! Contact Sue Teague on 918 4942 for a vendor number.

Church News – there are plans to run a youth club at Bowdon Methodist Church one night a week – probably Mondays, from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. This will be for young people aged 10 – 13. The club will be run by a youth worker from Trafford and will not be overtly religious; it is open to everyone living in Bowdon Vale. For more information please ring John Fenton on 926 8190 or email fenton@primrosecottages.fsnet.co.uk.

On 1st November at 6.30pm there will be a Choral Eucharist at St. Mary's. in Remembrance of the Departed. The music will be the Fauré Requiem and names of those who you would wish to be remembered, may be left at the back of the church.

School Development – many of you will be aware that schools need to undertake strategic planning in the form of a School Development Plan. This is initially created to cover three years, with the first year being more detailed. It is a working document that is regularly updated and added to. The comments on the parent questionnaires, together with those from pupils, staff and Governors have fed directly into this and I thought that it may be of interest to some, to know relevant targets that have been set. In addition to identifying ongoing tasks, specific areas have been identified for this year and these include:



- To improve church/community links
- To improve the children's facility to walk to school
- To continue to embed new teacher assessment – Assessing Pupil Progress
- To improve the Reception play areas
- To continue to develop the Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning
- To develop a new library
- To continue to replace ICT equipment as required
- To redecorate toilets (identified by the School Council)
- To implement the new Creative Curriculum

Raising standards and improving every child's school experience is our constant aim and we hope that a commitment to the successful achievement of these targets by the whole school community will support this.

Walk to School Fortnight – Green Mile Campaign – so far it looks like Mrs Moss' Y6 class have walked the farthest, 285 journeys over the two weeks. Very well done to them! The results will all be sent off to Trafford so that we can enter their school competition. Some classes expressed disappointment that they have not walked all the way around Europe and so we have allowed them to keep going, unofficially, to see if they can make it.



Don't forget – First Parent's and Friends Choir rehearsal on Wednesday 4th November at 7.45pm. Is there a pianist out there who would be prepared to accompany rehearsals?

Bowdon boys on TV! – Lewis Littler (Y4B) and William Raffety (Y5T) are appearing on TMI this Saturday between 8.30 and 10am on BBC2.

Jewellery Recycling – thank you to everyone who sent in Jewellery for the recycling project. The winner of the MP3 player is the family of William Geddes.

New half-term starts on Tuesday 3rd November

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