

28th January 2010

Newsletter



Holocaust Day – Yesterday the Y6 choir performed at the Trafford Holocaust Memorial Day event at the Robert Bolt Theatre. Mrs Horstead and I were privileged to take them because it was a really special occasion. They sang beautifully right at the end and created a lovely atmosphere. Their behaviour was outstanding and they appeared to soak up every second of the experience. A lot of dignitaries attended, as did a holocaust survivor and during the commemoration we heard his story – which was one of courage and extreme sadness. He lost his whole family and spent time in nine different concentration camps, ending up at Belson, aged 18 and weighing 4 stone. Representatives from different community groups pledged commitments to commemorating the memory of the Holocaust annually, in the hope that it will prevent atrocities on such a scale happening again. Six candles were lit in memory of the six million victims of the Holocaust and then the Lord Mayor lit a seventh for Hope. Several schools were represented with instruments, poetry and dance and we provided the message of hope at the end, singing about peace being in the hands of children.

Winter Ball – This was a great success and was much enjoyed by everyone. Thank you and congratulations to Jean Lingard and her team.



Comedy & Curry Night! - After the success of the Winter Ball on Saturday night the PTA thought it would be good to organise another adult social event this year and, with that in mind, are currently arranging a Comedy & Curry night on Saturday May 8th at the Cinnamon Club. More details to follow but get the date in your diary now as it promises to be a great evening with some very talented comedians.

Whilst there is not too much to organise, they really need a couple of volunteers to help with the admin etc. It's a good way to get some experience of organising a PTA event if you haven't done one before, without it being too daunting!

Please contact Sharon Kupusarevic (07801 1408909) or Nick Buckley (07881 587345) if you can help

Parent Governor meetings – Your parent Governor, Jane Nicholson will be available for meetings in school on Friday 5th February between 9 and 10am. Please email her if you would like to arrange a meeting hutchinsonjane3@hotmail.com

Hockey Tournament – On Tuesday the A and B teams both played well in a tournament at Timperley Hockey Club. The A team won all of their matches and the B teams drew 2 and lost 2. Well done everyone, your skill, team spirit, excellent behaviour and fair play was noticed.

Flora Cookery support – We hope that you are continuing to submit codes online from Flora packaging as this is continuing for another year. It will help us to buy cookery equipment for school.

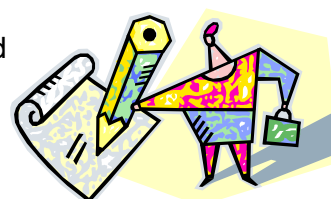
Traffic, Travel and Safety



A few near misses have been reported recently and this necessitates some reminders:

- On Tuesday, on the road in front of school, a parent stopped to let a parent and child on foot cross the road. A car came from behind, overtook and almost mowed them down. We do not know whether the driver was a parent or a neighbour but the registration has been reported to police. Please take care and give way to pedestrians, especially during busy times.
- Recently a child was almost hit by a car in the cricket club car park. You must not park at the cricket club unless you are a member, when you should park alongside the drive and not around the back, which is a restricted area.
- Also on Tuesday, a parent was shocked by a pre-school child riding into her on a scooter. This raises two issues, firstly bikes, scooters, roller skates etc. must not be ridden in the school grounds. This is a school rule for obvious safety reasons. Secondly, children in the playground before 8.40am and after school (all the time if they are not pupils at this school) are their parents' responsibility and they need to be watched. They should not be running around the back of the building, banging on windows or swinging on the door protection bars.
- There are an increasing number of drivers sitting in their cars and blocking the turning circle after school. Last week the Dunham school bus could not turn into the turning circle as it was blocked by this situation and people seemed to expect the children to walk out into the road to get in. The turning circle should only be used to collect a child who is old enough to come out on their own and get into the car. Drivers should not need to sit and wait or to get out of the car; it should be a brief stop – a matter of seconds. The drop-off zone is to be used by parents who need to stop for a couple of minutes, either to get a bag out of the boot, to escort a younger child to the gate to the playground in the morning or to collect several children. It is also available during the day for parents who need to collect a child or drop something off. The car park is not to be used by parents. If the North Field development bid is successful we will be able to offer parking but at the moment we can't. The car park spaces are needed for staff and for official visitors, there are many of these and it is essential that they are able to park. Please do not park between 8.20am and 5pm. If you are collecting a Junior child from the turning circle, it would seem sensible not to arrive until 3.25pm. The Infant parents will have left by then and your child will have had time to collect their bag and walk around the outside of school. Children waiting for collection should stand at the front of school so that they can see you pulling in.

A parent is organising a petition to Trafford about the delay in the promised crossing officer, the Travel and Traffic group is organising a publicity campaign and I have arranged for a council official to visit next week. Please support our campaign to get a safe crossing point with emails and phone calls to the council and by signing the petition.



Finally, I suggested a couple of things last week but did not have room for a slip. It would help me to gauge interest if you could complete the following.

Name..... Child's Class.....

I would like to attend the Parents' Forum meeting on Tuesday 9th February at 7pm

I am unable to attend the meeting but would like to be kept informed about the Parents' Forum

Email

I will be able to offer some help with refreshments for the North Field consultation on February 11th