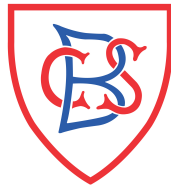


15th September 2011 Newsletter



Exciting News

A very exciting Christmas Carol Service is being planned, where we will join with professional musicians to perform the Manchester Carols in their entirety. This will be a wonderful experience for the children and for the adult choir. Rehearsals will start straight after half-term, so keep Wednesday evenings free. If you have always wanted to sing but have never felt confident enough, please come along and join in, you do not need to have experience, just enthusiasm.

Trinity High School

Our local Church of England High School is Trinity, located in Hulme, Manchester. Our children are eligible for places there and if the parents of any Y6 children are interested, there are some application forms in the office. There are also flyers for the open evening and open mornings, so that you can see the school in action.

PTA Ladies' Lunch

This event is going to take a rest this year but the organising team is continuing and is planning something for next year.

Uniform

The uniform has arrived at last and your orders have been processed. Delivery for uniform is four to six weeks and so it is helpful if orders are placed in plenty of time.

St. Luke's Open Day

You are warmly invited to the St. Luke's Autumn Open Day on Saturday 8th October 12 – 4pm with a Scarecrow competition, toys, jams and pickles, crafts, clothes, allotment produce, children's activities, raffle, refreshments, music and a bouncy castle!

Gardening Club and Seed Catalogue Fundraiser



encourage wildlife, etc.

Thanks to all the parents and children on Sunday who helped create the beginnings of the new school growing garden behind the Community Classroom. This will be a super base for the School Gardening Club. The club is run by parents and will be held on Wednesdays at 12.30 – 1, open to year 3 and 4 pupils initially. The aim of the club is to involve pupils in 'growing your own produce', from edibles to cut flowers and also to support the wider aims of the school's eco status, by recycling, re using, planting to

Please support and help fund the Gardening Club by purchasing from the Sutton Seeds 'Spring Bulbs, Summer Fruit & Veg' catalogue which should be sent home with all children this week. For all the orders placed 20% will go to the PTA who have kindly provided start up funds for the Gardening Club. Simply post your order form with cheques made out to

'Bowdon Church School PTA' in the post box outside the school office by Friday 30th September 2011 and the bulbs and plants will be sent direct to your home address.

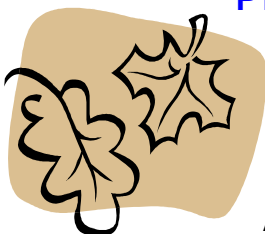
If any parents are interested in helping with the club or other gardening activities at school please contact Andrea Burke 07971 252287 or Amy Heyworth on 07747 603960. Also, we are very happy to receive any gardening donations, from spare seeds to tools and pots / containers (the bigger the better, all items considered, old baths even!)

Personal responsibility

Taking responsibility for your own possessions has been set as a target for the children this year. As reported last week, a large number of children are not being organised about remembering equipment for school each day. On Tuesday the office received an item every fifteen minutes throughout the day from parents/carers whose child had forgotten it. This means that a member of the office team has to telephone (and disturb the lesson), take the object down to the classroom or call the child out of class to collect it. The teaching staff have particularly asked for this matter to be addressed, as the children's learning is being regularly disturbed, in addition to being highly inconvenient for many parents. This morning we have told the Junior children that they will not be allowed to telephone home for equipment to be brought in and they will have to miss an activity if they forget something important. They have been advised to prepare the night before so that they are much less likely to forget something. There are obviously individual family situations that cause particular difficulty and we will certainly give special consideration to these children but the vast majority should be capable of organising themselves and it is essential preparation for their secondary education.



PTA Autumn Walk



The PTA are looking forward to the Autumn Walk on Saturday and are delighted with the large response. We like to source suppliers locally and are pleased that Red House Farm will be providing the catering for this event. As this event is so popular, any late bookings (Friday) will be limited to a hot food choice of hot pot, as everything else is sold out. Admittance is by ticket only and these will not be sold on the day due to catering restrictions.

As a starter to the fund raising, a group will be selling cakes tomorrow outside year one at home time. Getting there early is always to be advised because Bowdon cakes are very popular!

New PTA Officers

We would like to thank Jo Jones and Alex Pritchard who have been leading the PTA meetings together with overseeing and pulling together the event teams for the past two years. The new officers will take over at the AGM on Wednesday 21st September at 7.30pm in the school hall. Helen Robinson (children Y6, Y4 and Y1), Kathryn Lovell (Y5, Y4 and Rec) and Nikki Geddes (Y6 and Y3) are the incoming team and we look forward to all working together to support the school with some wonderful events.

Dates

The dates that we have for the year so far are attached. More will be added as we move through the year but you will see that a very full schedule is already in place.

Lost property – A ladies black jacket (size 10) has been found on the field.