



24th November 2010

To Parents/Guardians of all Runnymede Pupils

Dear Parent/Guardian

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER 2010

Although we still have another week of November, there is much planned for December and I thought you would appreciate advance notice in more detail than that given in the Autumn Term Calendar.

All Parents – 25th November

The PSA Annual General Meeting takes place at 6.30pm in the Bryson Hall. All parents are welcome to come and find out how funds have been raised and spent over the last year.

All Ladies! – 26th November

The PSA Ladies Lunch takes place on Friday at Osqa's. This is a very enjoyable occasion – do please support this if you can.

All Parents – 29th November

Christmas Decorations will be going up in school on this day and we need your help! The PSA have already sent out a letter asking for your assistance. Please return the slip to school if you can come along. Many hands make light work!

Music Exams – 29th November

A number of pupils will be taking part in ABRSM examinations on this day at Runnymede. Mrs Bixter will be supporting all candidates; please make sure they have all they need for the day and consult with either your peripatetic music teacher or Mrs Bixter if you have any queries.

All Pupils – 1st December

Our second Non Uniform day will be held for all children in the school on Wednesday. The children are asked to bring in a bottle or chocolates for the Christmas Fair and may wear their own clothes for the day. Please make sure that clothes and footwear are suitable for school and that hair gel, make up and nail varnish is not worn.

Reception Parents – 2nd December

The School Nurse will be visiting us on this day to carry out routine medical screening tests with Reception pupils whose parents have given their consent.

P.T.O.

All Parents – 3rd December

Autumn Term Reports will be sent home on this Friday. Please make sure you receive your copy promptly which will be sent home to you via your son or daughter in a sealed envelope.

All Pupils – am on 3rd and am on 7th December

All pupils in the school will be able to watch the Dress Rehearsals for the Y1 and Y2 Performance of The Bossy Christmas Fairy and the Nursery and Reception Performance of The Sleepy Shepherd in advance of the performances for parents.

Y1 & Y2 Parents – 6th and 7th December

The Christmas performances for families of Y1 and Y2 pupils take place on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th December at 2pm in the Ley Hall. A separate letter with ticket allocations will be sent home to parents.

Nursery and Reception Parents – 8th and 9th December

The Christmas performances for families of Nursery and Reception pupils take place on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th December at 2pm in the Ley Hall. A separate letter with ticket allocations will be sent home to parents.

Nursery – Y2 Parents – Permission to Photograph

We have permission to photograph all pupils in school and therefore photographs may be taken at the end of performances. A professionally produced DVD will be recorded and will be available for parents to purchase. Parents will not be able to record their own videos on health and safety grounds and I will write to you separately about these arrangements.

All Junior Parents – 10th December

The Junior Carol Service will take place on this day at 1.30pm in St Paul's Parish Church, West Derby for parents of Junior pupils. All Junior parents are welcome to attend. Pupils will be walking to and from the service escorted by staff, parent helpers and additional help from Merseyside Police.

All Parents – Christmas Invitation – 10th December

All parents are invited to join us to mark this special season in the Bryson Hall after the Junior Carol Service. A separate invitation letter will be sent to you about this.

Junior Pupils' Parents – am 13th December

All Junior classes will be going to the cinema for the Junior Christmas Treat. This is instead of a Christmas party and pupils will be able to wear their own clothes on this day. The cost of the trip is covered by the PSA and I am most grateful for their continued support.

Nursery to Year 2 Pupils and Parents – pm 13th December

Christmas parties take place during the afternoon of this day. Children may wear their own clothes on this day and once again the entertainment and treats will be provided by the PSA for which I wish to note my appreciation.

All Pupils and Parents – 14th December

The Christmas Fair organised by the PSA takes place on this Tuesday from 3.45pm – 5.15pm at Runnymede. Do please assist us if you can and complete the proforma already sent home by the PSA. If you are unable to help please do your best to come along and support the Fair – and enjoy listening to the choir who will be singing festive carols and songs from 4.15pm.

All pupils and parents – 16th December (subject to change)

Christmas Lunch will be served on this day for all pupils. Crackers and a treat will be provided by the PSA to make the lunch go with a bang!

Christmas Concert – 16th December

Our annual Christmas Concert takes place at 7pm in the Ley Hall on this day with the children providing the musical entertainment to get us in to the spirit of the season.

Choir Activities

There may also be additional occasions when the school choir will be singing. At the time of writing this newsletter these dates are not yet known but Mrs Bixter will keep in touch with you about these separately.

All pupils and parents – Noon 17th December

School closes for the Christmas holiday at noon on this Friday and the children return to school in the New Year on Thursday 6th January 2011.

Separate Issues

Meals at Runnymede

This has been the first half term of the provision of meals for all pupils at Runnymede. Thank you for your patience as we made this transition. The children have been truly fantastic in adjusting to this so quickly and willingly. Please continue to help us by making sure that you talk to your child(ren) about the food choices. We are monitoring the menus closely and speaking to the children about their preferences to ensure that the menus are not only nutritionally balanced but also appealing and tasty!

Baby News

Mrs Alison Toner began her maternity leave right after half term and gave birth to a baby girl, Elsa Florence, on the 5th November 2010 weighing in at 7lb 5oz. Mum, Dad, big sister Lucy and Elsa are all doing well. Our congratulations to them all and a special welcome to Elsa. Please remember them in your prayers.

Parking

Please ensure when you are visiting us for any occasion in the lead up to Christmas that you use the parking facilities available to you. Parents are respectfully reminded that parking beyond the railway cutting on North Drive and throughout Sandfield Park is privately controlled and restricted. Fines may result from parking in the wrong places.

Apology

My apologies but barring cancellation I will not be in school from 6th December to enjoy the Christmas festivities as I will be having some minor surgery. The timing is a great disappointment to me but I will keep you and your children in my thoughts whilst recovering and will look forward to seeing you all in the New Year. Please keep me in your prayers.

There is a great deal of information in this letter and much going on. Please watch out for separate letters that follow up some of the items listed. Do telephone school if you have any queries.

Thank you for your co-operation and support.

Yours sincerely

Miss S Carter
Headteacher