

To Parents/Guardians of all Runnymede Pupils

Dear Parent/Guardian

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER 2011

Welcome back after the half term break. I trust that you are all refreshed and looking forward to an exciting and interesting half term. We have been fortunate this October in having mainly dry and warm weather so our children have enjoyed playing outside and participating in a range of outdoor activities. We have recently introduced Football Club run by 'Soccer Technique' and Judo Club which are both being enjoyed by the children. Please note that the finishing time for Judo has been changed to 4.45pm – children now receive a full hour of training.

I had the pleasure of accompanying the Year 5 pupils on their residential trip to Winmarleigh. This allowed me to get to know the children and affirm what lovely children we have at Runnymede. The activities were demanding but the children were very encouraging and supportive of each other. Definitely, a worthwhile experience.

Thank you for supporting Bag to School which raised £360.00. This money will be used for the Early Years' Christmas party.

The Halloween Disco was a great success and a very big thank you to the PSA and all who were involved. The PSA gave me the duty of playground supervision, where I was subjected to being

scared by the younger children in their costumes! Thank you to the parents and children who supported the evening. £600.00 profit! This money will be used for the Juniors' Christmas trip to the theatre.

Our new School Officers:
Head Boy - Patrick Moran
Head Girl - Grace Murphy
Deputy H B – Christopher Deacon
Deputy H G – Kate Parr

House Captains:
St Andrew – Ben Lamb
St George – Bethan Evans
St Patrick – Patrick Auth
St David - Anna Boland

Girls' Sports Captain –
Sophie Green
Boys' Sports Captain –
Matthew Williams

On Saturday the November we will be having our Open Morning where children will be participating in fun activities. I hope that you will be able to support us both in terms of allowing your children to join us and encouraging prospective families to visit us.

With warm wishes

Mr Slater

P.T.O.

Forthcoming Events

Mon November The Young Shakespeare Company are visiting school to perform their version of Romeo and Juliet for children in Y4 - Y6.

Thurs November A meeting will be held at 3.45pm, for parents of Year 6 pupils with regard to the residential trip to Patterdale.

The first meeting of the Pupil Council will take place today at 12.25pm in the Junior Library.

Sat November
Open Morning takes place from 9.30 – 12.30 on this day.

Mon-Fri 14– Nov
Other Faiths Week – Judaism,
Safety Awareness Week

Mon November Joint Boys and Girls Swimming Gala at Westholme Boys School

Tue November Parent Teacher Evening takes place between 5-8pm for EYFS – Y4 (incl). Appointment times will be sent home nearer the time.

Wed/Thurs 16/ Nov The Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting us during this week. The PSA will open the Book Fair from 2.30pm on Wednesday and Thursday to allow parents to purchase books prior to the end of the school day. The Book Fair will remain open after school until 4.30pm in the Ley Hall.

Tues November The School Nurse will be visiting the school to carry out screening with Reception pupils.

The PSA will be holding their Annual General Meeting at 6.30pm

in the Bryson Hall. This meeting gives important information about the amount of funds raised in 2010-2011 and how these amounts have been spent. Do please come along and support the PSA if you can.

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Our Annual concert for the patron saint of music, St Cecilia, takes place at 7pm in the Ley Hall. A number of children will be performing and demonstrating their many musical gifts and talents.

Thur November A Non Uniform day will take place for all children on this day. This is to assist the PSA gathering raffle prizes and gifts for the Christmas Fair. The children may wear their own clothes on this day if they bring in a **New Gift or a Bottle** for the fair. Thank you for your support.

Fri November Our Shoebox Appeal in the lead up to Christmas will begin on this day.

Christmas Decorations will be going up in school on this day.

Tue November 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. 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.

Advance Notice

Fri December Extra curricular finishes for the Christmas break except for Judo which will finish on Wednesday December

Tues December Y1 & Y2
Christmas Performances 2pm

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Thurs December Nursery &
Reception Performances 2pm

Mon December Junior Carol
Service (1.30pm) St Paul's Church,
West Derby

Tue December Y2 Trip to Norton
Priory

Wed December Christmas Music
Concert (7pm Ley Hall)

Fri Dec (12 noon) School closes
for Christmas Holiday
Autumn Reports will be sent home
to parents on this day.

PSA Event – Couples Christmas
Night

PSA Information

As you can see from Mr Slater's report we have had a great start to our new school year. Many thanks to you all. And now a reminder of our events:

Friday Nov Helpers needed to
decorate our school for Christmas.
Many hands make light work!

Tuesday Nov Christmas Fair.
Many helpers needed! Raffle
tickets will be sent home before the
fair. There will be refreshments,
games, tombolas and stalls – and
we might get a visit from a very
special, seasonal visitor!

Friday Dec – Ladies Lunch at
Osqa's. All mums, aunties,
grandmas and friends welcome!

Wed Dec – Juniors Theatre treat.

Thurs Dec – Early Years
Christmas party!

We will also open the uniform shop
during this term – a separate note
will be sent home.

Kind regards

PSA Committee