

Dear Parents

28<sup>th</sup> September 2009

### Start of the Day arrangements

For those eagle-eyed amongst you, you may have noticed an error in the last newsletter. The morning gates do, of course, open at **8.40am** (not 8.50am as stated in the letter). Sorry for the error – it's a very busy start to the term!


Please remember that you should leave your child/ren at the gates which are then closed at 8.50am when child/ren should be in the classroom ready for registration and lessons to begin.

### Book Week

A reminder that next week is book week in school and on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October** all the children, and staff(!), need to come to school dressed as a character from a book and, if possible, bring with them the book their character is from.



### Music Vacancy

 We have a vacancy for Guitar or Clarinet Tuition for a KS2 child. This tuition is an optional service offered by Nottinghamshire County Council for which you will enter into a contract with the County Council for the full academic year. You will be charged for this service and invoiced termly. School acts as agents for the County Council and liaises on your behalf. If you are interested in purchasing this provision please contact the school office.

### Chetwynd Team News

Congratulations to the Netball team who won their match 10-2 against John Clifford School on Thursday. Commiserations to the Football team who lost against Bispham Drive.

### 'Yellow Cards' at lunchtime

As many may be aware the Midday supervisors operate a reward system whereby children who have, for example, showed kindness, understanding or helpfulness etc, are rewarded with a yellow card and a visit to Mr Robins or Mrs Shipley for a sticker!

Among the many children receiving cards recently were:-

Poppy Abraham, Freya Hawker, Kieran East, Arron Hall, Luke Underwood, Freya Davis, Harry Vardy, Lucy Friis-Jansen, Charlotte Selby, Aaliyah Hilton and Jack Webb. Well done!

Remember to look in your child's book bag and celebrate this reward!

### School Nurse Drop-In Sessions



I would like to inform you that Michelle Brown (our School Nurse) will be in school on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 3pm** for a 'drop-in' session for parents. Please feel free to come along if you have any concerns around your child's welfare that you feel Michelle may be able to help you with.

## Parent Governor

Following the recent nominations for a Parent Governor, we can confirm that, as the only nominee, Mr Nick Arrowsmith, has been re-elected to this important position.

## Swine Flu reporting

The Government Office for the East Midlands (GOEM) has asked the County Council to provide a weekly report on swine flu cases within schools. Parents are very good at ringing in and telling school if their child is ill. Please could you ensure you let school know if Swine Flu is the cause of your child's absence? Thank you.

The Health Protection Agency gives the following advice:

### What can schools and parents do to slow the spread?

By practising good hygiene everyone can play their part and help to reduce transmission of all viruses, including swine flu:

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water to reduce the spread of virus from your hands to face or to other people.
- Clean hard surfaces (such as door handles) frequently using a normal cleaning product.
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, using a tissue when possible.
- Dispose of dirty tissues promptly and carefully.
- Make sure children follow this advice.

If you think you may have swine flu, you should check your symptoms on [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk), call NHS Direct (0845 46 47) or call the Swine Flu information line on 0800 1 513 513. If you are still concerned, you should call your GP, who can provide a diagnosis over the phone.

## Ink recycling

A reminder that we collect used printer cartridges and send them off to be recycled. This scheme has raised £450 for the school since it began and has planted 9 trees! Please send in your used cartridges and remember to ask friends and relatives for theirs too! (The company is **not** able to recycle toner bottles, ribbon cartridges or Epson cartridges). There is a big red box in the corner of the hall for your child to deposit your donations – thank you.



## Dogs in the Playground



NO DOGS  
except guide dogs

Please could we remind all parents and children that dogs are not allowed on the school playground. This includes tying dogs to railings inside the school gates. If you bring a dog with you to drop off / collect your child, please remain outside the school boundary with your pet. Thank you.

## Lost Property



We currently have more lost uniform in school than Morley's shop have in their stock!! Please come and have a look through the huge pile. **Any items not collected will be sent off in our Ragtex donation on 2<sup>nd</sup> October** as we don't have the capacity to store it all.

**Ragtex Clothing collection – Date for your diary.**

Are your wardrobes full of clothes that no longer fit the children – or yourself!?! Do you want to clear out your summer clothes or have a sort out prior to Christmas? – Then we have the answer for you! The County Council, together with Ragtex, will be collecting your unwanted clothes, blankets, curtains and soft toys etc from school **on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>**



**October**. Making donations will **help raise funds** for the school *and* clothe people in developing countries. Please bring in your items in (in tied bags) **first thing** on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> (the bags will be collected during the morning and we have no facilities to store items beforehand). Thank you.

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May**

We have received confirmation that the Year 6 SATs tests will be undertaken during the week 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> May 2010. Please do not arrange for your child to have any appointments or time off during this week. Whole school assessment will also be undertaken this week.

**Parking (Again!)**

We have had a call from a local resident who uses a wheelchair about parking on Chetwynd Road. Whilst we appreciate it is sometimes difficult to park, particularly when we have parents’ meetings straight after school (and are unable to let cars on the playground for the safety of the children) we would ask that any parents who are unable to walk to meetings, **drive and park with consideration to pavement users**. Those with wheelchairs or prams are sometimes unable use the pavement, due to inconsiderate parking, and are forced into the road. Most of the calls we receive are genuinely concerned both for themselves and the safety of OUR children. An alternative for after school meetings is to still use the Tesco car park, but walk around Swiney Way to collect your car at the end of the meeting. If you drive to school please give yourself enough time and use Tesco’s car park. Thank you.

**Neighbourhood Policing**

In addition to the un-publicised parking patrols, PC Ward will be doing another meet and greet session on **6<sup>th</sup> November** at the school gates. Why not come along and say ‘hello’.

**School Uniform**

Please remember that trainers are not part of our school uniform policy and should not be worn to school (except for outdoor PE lessons) Children should wear proper shoes. Also, please ensure that hair bands and bobbles are in school colours – i.e. black, navy or grey. Thank you.

