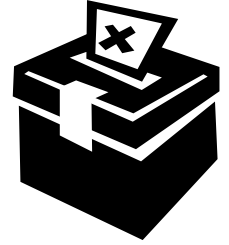




## Newsletter 10 - May 09



### Parent Governor Election Results

Following the recent Parent Governor Election, the following candidates have been elected:

James Ryle and Karen Losey.

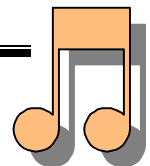
### Summer Uniform

Can I remind parents that, in warm weather children should still be wearing blue or white tops (or a mixture) or blue and white summer dresses. Items are available from our school uniform supplier, or can be bought elsewhere such as Asda. Children should not be wearing 'beach wear' to school. Tops should cover shoulders, and there should not be any bare midriffs. Children must not wear slip on sandals or flip flops. In hot weather, your child will need a water bottle, and you may like to send them to school with a hat and sun cream.



### Office Tray

To save you from queuing in the office, there is a red tray on the secretary's desk to return any absent forms, reply slips, letters etc.



### Music Lessons

Forms will be sent home next term for peripatetic music lessons to children currently in Years 3, 4 and 5. As of September all music lessons will need to be paid for in advance. There will also be an agreement for you to sign. Unfortunately, we have had to do this, as a significant number of parents have not paid for music lessons or given in sufficient notice of cancellation, resulting in the school losing money. If a child misses a lesson because the teacher is absent, the Music Service will make up the lesson.

### School Lunches

Please can we remind you that school lunches must be ordered on a Monday. Please send your money in a sealed envelope to the class teacher stating your child's name, class and which days your child would like a school lunch. School lunches are £2.00 per day. If you could try to give the correct money this would be very helpful as it can be very difficult for us to find change.



## Vouchers

The last date for handing in your Sainsbury's and Tesco vouchers is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June. Many thanks for all the vouchers received so far.



## Staffing News

Emma Taylor is expecting a baby at the end of October. She has also been seconded by the Local Authority to lead a writing programme across schools in Bristol from 1<sup>st</sup> June. We have appointed Mr Alex Hawkins and Miss Rachel Lewis-Harrop to cover maternity leaves from September. They will be working in Year 3 and Year 2 respectively. Michelle McCarthy will be moving from Nursery to Year 1 in September; Gemma Iles will be taking Nursery until Sarah Harris's return from maternity leave.

I will inform parents of their child's teacher for next year during June.



## Internet safety meeting

You are invited to an Internet safety evening aimed specifically at parents and carers. The evening will last for approximately 90 minutes and will be based around

- The types of technologies children are currently using to access the Internet including mobile phones, computers and gaming consoles.
- The type of information children put on the internet
- Social networking sites
- Cyber bullying
- Emerging issues
- Strategies for engaging with your children and better understanding their Internet experience.
- A look at good materials.
- An opportunity to ask questions.

Internet safety is really important and there are regular incidents of children being inappropriately approached through the Internet. Please come and join us at Ashton Park Secondary School on Wednesday June 10<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm for an evening of awareness raising. Can you afford to miss it?

Please note this presentation is not suitable for children.



## Access

Can parents with buggies make sure that they keep entrances and corridors clear. These are fire exits and must be kept accessible.

School starts at 8.55 and it would be helpful if parents could leave classrooms by then, unless parents are in class for a particular reason. Please do not take buggies into the classrooms. Similarly, if you need to speak to a teacher before school, it would be best to do this between 8.45 and 8.55 Please remember that it is only class 3B that use the main entrance to get to their classroom, class 2P and 2M should use the rear entrance and class 1S and 1F use the playground entrances.

### Dates for 2009

Fri 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Last day of Term 5
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Jun	1 <sup>st</sup> day back Term 6
Tue 9 <sup>th</sup> Jun	'Wear red to school day' British Heart Foundation Assembly
Thu 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jul	Last day of Term 6 for children
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Jul	Inset day 5 (school closed for children)

### Dates for 2009/2010 This includes 5 INSET days.

Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sep	Inset day 1 (school closed for children)
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Sep	Inset day 2 (school closed for children)
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Sep	1 <sup>st</sup> day back for children for Term 1
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Last day of Term 1 for children
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Inset day 3 (school closed for children)
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	Inset day 4 (school closed for children)
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	1 <sup>st</sup> day back for children for Term 2
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last day of Term 2
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Jan	1 <sup>st</sup> day back Term 3
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Last day of Term 3 for children
Mon 22 Feb	1 <sup>st</sup> day back Term 4
Thu 1st Apr	Last day of Term 4
Mon 19 Apr	1 <sup>st</sup> day back Term 5
Fri 28th May	Last day of Term 5
Mon 7th Jun	1 <sup>st</sup> day back Term 6
Thu 22nd Jul	Last day of Term 6
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jul	Inset day 5 (school closed for children)



### Help

Recently we have had a lot of parents telephoning the office staff asking them to let their children and teachers know arrangements had changed for collection after school.

Most of these have been for social reasons, such as playdates and going to houses for tea. Please can you make these arrangements before school and only phone the office for emergency changes, such as being caught in traffic or illness.

We have also had a lot of children forgetting their packed lunches. This has resulted in parents calling the office to inform them of this, and popping packed lunches in throughout the morning. Please can you make sure your child has their packed lunch with them when they leave home on a morning. Thank you.



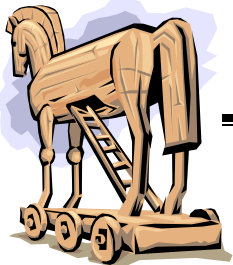
### Barn Dance and Disco Tickets

Tickets for the Barn Dance on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 8-11pm (adults only) and Disco on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June (children only) are available every evening after school in the playground. Look out for a member of the PTA .



### Eco Club

The Eco Club would like to thank every one who donated plastic bottles for our eco greenhouse. This has now been built and is housed behind the junior hall. Please pop round and have a look!



### Key Stage 2 Production

Our grand production this year will be 'Troy Story'. Further details of performance times will follow next term.

### Walk and Talk Week

Many thanks, to all of you who supported this weeks 'Walk and Talk Week' and left your cars at home. It would be great if this could be continued when we return for the final summer term.