

**Friends Children Discos**

As you may already be aware, there are children's discos planned for this Friday. Year 3 and 4 are welcome between 6.00pm and 7.30pm, with Years 5 and 6 from 7.45pm to 9.15pm.



Tickets cost £2 including refreshments and are available from the school office. Offers to help at the discos would be gratefully received.

**Midday Supervisory Assistant**

We are at present looking to appoint a new member to our MSA Team. The successful applicant would be required to work 6.25 hrs per week at £6 per hour, term time only. CRB clearance will be required.

If you are interested, please send a letter of application giving details of any previous employment experience and the names and addresses of two referees to Mr Carl Saunders, Headteacher at the school. The closing date for applications is Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October.

**Parental Consultations**

Accompanying this newsletter should be an invitation to meet with your child's class teacher. We hope that you will be able to attend what is an important meeting. We are hoping to operate a crèche on each evening – further details to follow.

**'Macmillan Nurses' Coffee Morning**

Many thanks to everyone who donated cakes or attended the charity coffee morning last Friday. It was a very pleasant event and it raised just over £100 for this very worthy charity.



**Coffee Mornings**

You are invited to come and join other parents/carers and staff every Monday morning from 9.00am to 10.00am in a cup of tea or coffee, a biscuit and a chat. Small children are welcome. No charge. Come and take the weight off your feet in friendly company.

**October International Walk to School Month**

The whole of this month has been designated 'Walk to School Month.' As a school we like to encourage our pupils and their families where possible to walk to school. Why not try it in October?

**Term Time Holidays**

We have recently been inundated with requests for leave of absence during term time. The Governing Body understands issues relating to the cost of high and low season holidays and that parents/carers are not always able to take holidays during the school vacations due to their employment.

However, I would ask all parents/carers to consider the importance of children attending school on a daily basis. Accompanying this newsletter is a leaflet which outlines the regulations in relation to term time holidays.

Finally, I would ask parents/carers of Year 6 pupils not to book holidays for the week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009 when their child will be engaged in national SAT's.

## Road Safety

The school and a number of parents/carers have expressed their concerns about the issue of parking and traffic on the High Street at the start and end of the school day. Contact has been made with the Local Authority about this issue and a site visit was made.

The outcome was mixed. The 'low' volume of traffic on the High Street does not apparently support the need for a crossing patrol. However, in discussion it was agreed that changes could be made to the entrance to the school and the road adjacent to it which would make it more pedestrian friendly. This will be dependant upon the availability of funding. We await further developments.

## Morrisons' 'Let's Grow' vouchers

As you will see from the banner in the playground, as a school we are collecting Morrisons' 'Let's Grow' vouchers which are available from their store. The vouchers will enable us to receive gardening tools which we would like to use on our raised beds. Further raised garden beds are planned for the school in the near future.



## Hot Meal Orders

I would like to remind parents/carers that orders for hot meals **MUST** be received at the school office by 9.00am on Tuesday for the following week's meals. We cannot accept orders later than this. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

## Flora 'Cooking with Schools'

The school have also registered for the Flora 'Cooking with Schools' scheme whereby for every token collected by the school we receive the value of 20p towards cooking equipment. We would welcome any tokens at the school office.

## A Reminder

The school closes for the half-term vacation at 3.05pm on Friday 24th October and re-opens at 8.45am on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.