Yatton Infant School

News

6th November 2009

Dear Parents,

I hope that you all enjoyed your Autumn break and that everyone is feeling refreshed for the busy term ahead! Please find attached a Key Stage 1 curriculum map for this term for Years1 & 2.
Thank you very much for your generous Harvest Donations at the end of last term. Your gifts have now been passed onto the Julian Trust, and the Sisters of the Church, both of which help the homeless in Bristol.
Your children will be undertaking a number of activities as part of Anti-bulling Week this month. A letter will be coming out to parents shortly along with a pamphlet for you to share with your child.

Bonfire and Fireworks night
Don't forget to support the fantastic YISA fireworks display on 7th November at Hangstones. Gates open at 6.00pm.

Parent Support Advisors
Your Parent Support Advisors (PSAs) are Julie Mayo and Ruth Wratten. PSAs work in school and with families at home and are there to help you in lots of ways. You may just need a listening ear, help to find solutions or need someone to point you in the right direction to ensure that you get any extra help you need. You may wish to be put in touch with other parents who share similar concerns. Please contact Julie or Ruth on 01934 832505, 07789 201033 (Julie) or 07788 182482 (Ruth) or through the school. Their appointment and message book is held in the school office.

Reception Craft Afternoon
Parent Support Advisors and the school are organising a craft afternoon for Reception families on Tuesday, 17th November starting at 2pm. Places will be limited but if places prove popular, the event will be repeated later in the year. A separate letter will be sent out to book your place.

Christmas Lunch
Please don't forget that your order for a school Christmas Lunch on Thursday, 17th December will need to be in by Thursday, 12th November. Unfortunately, late orders cannot be accepted.

Administrative Job Vacancies
There are currently two job vacancies being advertised in the Infant and Junior Schools (closing date 16th November). There is a 23.75 hour/week Office Coordinator post required in the Junior School and a 7.5 hour/week Clerical Assistant post in the Infant School. Both post holders will be managed by a shared Bursar. Please see Sue Warneford-Thomson in the office for a job information pack if you are interested.

School Closure due to Extreme Weather
Year 1 and 2 families will shortly receive a card outlining the procedure to follow if you think that the school may be closed due to extreme weather conditions. Reception parents/carers have already received these.

Sing Up!
As you are aware, the school has been awarded a Silver Sing Up Award. We would love you to try and sing with your children at home. Why not try this fun song with your child at home. Log on to www.singup.org
Go to *Songs* and then *Teaching Resources.* Search *song bank*. In search box type Alice the Camel, click on Alice the Camel, press play and have a good sing together! We'll suggest a new song to try in every newsletter. Have fun!

Talking Hands Club
Talking Hands is a club run by Laura Parsons and Michelle Dymond, two of our LSAs, to teach members of the school community to use Makaton (a simple sign language used in school). The club is open to

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everyone including adults and will run on Wednesdays from 3.30pm-4.00pm.

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