

# York Road Junior School and Language Unit (Star Centre)

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## Newsletter

## Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2010

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### **Dear Families**

#### **Book Fair**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Book Fair last week. We hope you are enjoying your new books. The Book Fair company gives the school commission on all books sold and this year we received £342.61 which we can spend on new books for the classrooms and Library, which will also benefit the children. We really appreciate the support from parents which has enabled us to buy new books again this year.

#### **SWAP day**

Yesterday was SWAP day for the children when we welcomed into school all the new children for September. I am sure everyone had a fun day taking part in activities and meeting their new teachers.

#### **Operation Big School**

The children really enjoyed the Operation Big School drama and have related it to events in their own lives. We hope that it helps them as they transfer to secondary school. Thanks to the Extended Services team who arranged and paid for the performance.

#### **Sports Days**

For the Junior school and Star Centre KS2 classes this will be on **Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30 – 12.30 at Dartford running track.** Families are very welcome to join us.

The **Star Centre** Key Stage 1 children are joining St Albans Infants for their sports day, **at 10.30a.m. on Tuesday 13th July on our field.** Children should have a sun hat and parents should apply sun cream on their child before school. There is a World Cup theme and St Albans have created T shirts with logos from all the different participating countries. We are all in 'Italy'. St Albans have very kindly given us specially created T shirts (which they will be able to keep) so the children will just need to make sure they have PE shorts and plimsolls in school.

#### **Attendance**

94.4% this week, better than last week but still short of our target. Please note that from September holidays during term time will only be authorised in extreme circumstances, e.g. fixed dates for parental leave. Unauthorised holidays during school time may be subject to penalty notices.

#### **School Uniform**

We have some larger sizes of fleeces (£10) and reversible showerproof fleeces (£13). Please ask in the school office.

#### **Talent Show by Thomas Latter**

Have you got talent? Well your children at York Road School have, and can audition from lunchtimes next week, in Amazon on Monday, in Nile on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. No CD or electrics to be used, this must be YOUR talent. The final will be on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30p.m. Thank You and Good Luck!

### Hygiene

We are trying to ensure that all children wash their hands after using the toilet and before eating their lunch. Please would you remind them at home as well, as there are several children away with tummy bugs. Thank you.

### Dates for your diary

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> 10.45 a.m. Yr 6 dress rehearsal and performance at 7 p.m.

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> 7 p.m. Yr 6 performance

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> St. Albans Infants/Star Centre

KS1 Sports Day (Reserve Day 14<sup>th</sup>)

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> – Junior School and Star Centre

KS2 Sports Day (Reserve Day 16<sup>th</sup>)

16<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Leavers' Do

### School Disco

Finally, please remember the school disco is on tonight.

6.15 to 7.30 for years 3 & 4, together with Sun and Mars classes

7.45 to 9 for years 5 & 6, together with Saturn and Jupiter classes

£2.50 payable on the door which includes unlimited squash.

There are other items for sale so the children may bring a small amount of pocket money with them. Small change would be preferred.

With best wishes

*P.A.C. Haynes*

Mrs P.A.C. Haynes  
Advisory Headteacher

9<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Dear Parents,

The Governing Body is aware that there has been an ongoing period of uncertainty and concern amongst parents following the departure of Mrs. Rampersad last year and due to the various changes in leadership of the school. Mrs. Haynes came into York Road, on a temporary basis, in April and has worked hard over the last two terms to stabilise the management and leadership of the school. She has been able to move the school forward with her expertise as an Advisory Head Teacher and your children are seeing the benefits of her leadership and vision.

During this time the Governors have continued their search for a substantive Head Teacher, as the school needs to build on its progress with a strong management team for the future. We are therefore delighted to announce that, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010, Miss Emma Goff will be joining York Road School in the post of Acting Head Teacher. However, we recognise the need to maintain our stability and further develop the progress made within the school, therefore the Governors have reached an agreement with the KCC Education Advisors and Mrs Haynes to retain her services as the Advisory Head Teacher for the next academic year.

I trust you will continue to support Mrs Haynes and welcome Miss Goff into the school community next term. Please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office should you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely

Chris Baker  
Acting Chair of Governors