

*** Between now and Half Term ***

Monday 2nd February ~ Y5/6 talk in school by SY Police on Internet Safety (a.m.)

Tuesday 3rd February ~ Governor's Meeting at 5.00 p.m. in school. Y5/6 after school football training.

Monday 9th February ~ Coffee morning from 9.00 a.m. Grand Opening of the Art Room at 10.30 a.m.

Friday 13th February ~ Non-Uniform Day run by the Friends. School closes for half term holidays and re-opens on Monday 23rd February.

Bamford Retreat Day ~ Class three had a great day in Bamford at the Diocesan Retreat Centre. The children were exceptionally well behaved and got a lot out of the day. Many thanks to Mr Barry for organising the visit and to the staff who looked after the children so well.

Beaumanor Hall Meeting ~ many thanks to all of you who came to this meeting last Thursday evening at school which went very well. The children are really looking forward to their week away and will be accompanied by Mr Hickey, Louise Mullany and Mrs Holling. They will be in excellent hands.

Spanish Update ~ Letters have been sent out to all children and families hosting a Spanish child at the end of March. The Spanish families would really appreciate an email from their English hosts as it is a big thing spending a week with a strange family and travelling abroad probably for the first time.

Lent 2009 ~ Letters will shortly be sent out inviting children to take part at the beginning of 9.30 Masses for each Sunday of Lent. Ash Wednesday is 25th February so the first Sunday of Lent will March 1st ~ also St David's Day and the anniversary of the death of our beloved Canon Rout whom many of you will remember.

Parking Outside School ~ Another request to parents not to park on the yellow zig zag lines outside school. The reason they are there is to protect the safety of the children in school. The traffic on Shaw Street is chaotic at best at collection and drop off times and parking outside school if only for a minute just adds to it. The vast majority of parents are really excellent and considerate and a big thank you to them.

Joke for the Weak ~ You can blame James Major for this one!
'Why did the scientist put a knocker on his front door?
(He wanted to win the no-bell prize!)



Friends News

Coffee Morning ~ Thank you to everyone who helped and supported our coffee morning last Friday. The next coffee morning is on Monday 9th February from 9.00 a.m. All welcome!

Phoenix Cards ~ Thank you for the £72 already raised for school from buying Phoenix cards and products from coffee mornings, parents' evenings and orders. The new brochure is now available if anyone wants a copy and they can contact Rachel Senior at rasenior5@tiscali.co.uk or phone/text to 07960 489260.

Yellow Moon ~ thank you also to parents who have purchased products from the Yellow Moon catalogue - the first cheque we have received totalled £24.26!

Many thanks to the Parish ~ The recent second collection after Sunday Masses gave us £219 to help equip the new classroom. School is very grateful to the wonderful parishioners for their continued generosity all the more remarkable in the current recession. The next collection has been arranged for Mother's Day on 22nd March.

Mother's Day ~ There will be a big involvement of children at the 9.30 Mass on this day including children playing instruments and singing under the outstanding mentorship of one of our parents Mrs Helen Walker. More details later

After School Club ~ There are currently several places available in the club for Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Just call into the club either before or after school to speak to one of the team who do such an excellent job looking after the children.

Candelmas ~ Congratulations to the children from class three who led our school Mass last Friday morning so very well. Confident readers and a credit to the school and themselves. Many thanks to Mr Barry and support staff for preparing them so well and to all parents and visitors who came to Mass that morning. A final thank you to Father Boyle for coming to say Mass and blessing our school candles. As each candle was lit we prayed for a different intention such as each class in school, our families, parishioners, staff at school, etc, asking that Jesus would bring his light to them all. Father said afterwards he noticed so many children with happy, smiling faces during Mass. Well done to everyone.

Thank you for reading
this newsletter,
John Gregson

