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SAVILE PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

A Resourced School for Hearing Impairment



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November Newsletter 2004

Dear Parents,

A number of improvements to the building have been made over the half-term holiday, and whilst there are a small number of items which cannot be finished until the Christmas holidays, we are very close to having the school for which we have waited for so long. To celebrate this, a number of events will take place between now and the Christmas holidays. Many of these are detailed in this newsletter.

1. Parents' Group School Opening/Eid Celebration

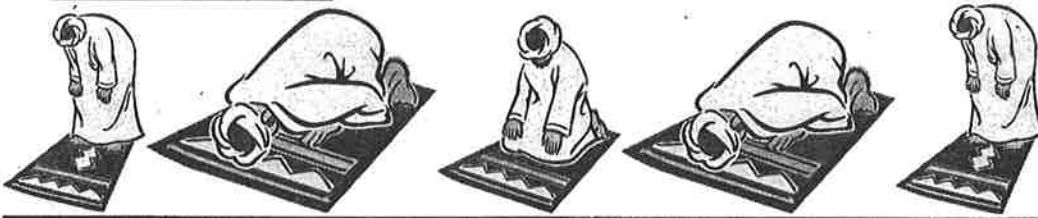


Information from the Parents' Group about this event should come home this week. A range of interesting activities has been organised, including visits by the Police and Fire Brigade, a penalty shoot-out competition organised by Halifax Town Football Club, and a range of stalls, refreshments, and fun activities. The afternoon is planned to last from 2.00 pm until 7.00 pm, which will give the opportunity for working parents and neighbours of the school to see around the new building. Although much has already been done, extra help would be appreciated, and people with time to spare or ideas for the celebration should contact Cathy Ray on Halifax 353087, or speak to Rukhsana, Halima or Anita in the playground. Alternatively, parents could speak to Miss Bradley who will point them in the right direction. Above all else parents are asked to turn up on the Wednesday, 17th and make the inaugural event of the parents' group a big success.

2. Danniella Taylor

Fifty percent of any funds raised at the Celebration afternoon will be donated to Danniella's mum, Anjonette. Most parents will know of the tragedy of Danniella's accident whilst on holiday last summer. In order to facilitate Danniella's return home, several modifications will need to be made to her house, and any funds raised would be a contribution towards this and other needs.

3. Ramadan and Eid



Can I thank all parents for their cooperation with the school's policy on fasting. I am now in a position to nominate Monday and Tuesday, November 15th & 16th as days when children may be officially absent from school for the purpose of celebrating Eid, and we would like to invite all our Muslim children to return to school on the Wednesday, 17th, wearing their Eid clothes as part of the Celebration afternoon.

3. Headlice



Please can you ensure you check your children's hair regularly and treat any cases of infestation, letting the school know as appropriate.

4. Diary Dates

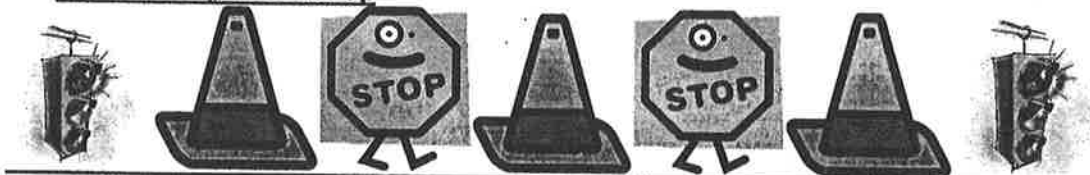
Friday	November 5 th	9.00 am	Road Safety Workshop for Parents
Tuesday - Monday	November 9 th - 15 th		Art Workshops
Thursday	November 11 th	1.00 pm	Family Craft Workshop (Eid cards)
Friday	November 12 th		Roop Singh visiting Class 5 (Sikh cultural awareness)
Monday, Tuesday	November 15 th , 16 th		Eid-ul-Fitr (official holiday dates)
Wednesday	November 17 th	1.00 - 7.00 pm	Celebration Fayre for new school
Wednesday	November 24 th	9.00 am.	Annual Parents' Meeting
Friday	December 3 rd		Installation of Lightbox in entrance foyer.
Monday	December 6 th	3.00 pm	Official Opening of new school building. Visit from Mayor.
Friday	December 10 th	1.00 pm	Christmas concert
Monday	December 13 th	1.00 pm	Key Stage 1 party
Tuesday	December 14 th	1.00 pm	Key Stage 2 party
Wednesday	December 15 th		Carollers to Alexander House
Friday	December 17 th		End-of-Term Assembly
			School closes for Christmas Holidays

5. Remembrance Day



As normal, at this time of year, we have commemoration poppies for sale, the proceeds of which are used to support a range of charities, including those relating to families who have suffered as a consequence of wars and conflicts over many years. The poppies will be brought round school by children for the next ten days.

6. Road Safety Workshop



Parents may remember me expressing concerns about traffic around the school site at the beginning and end of the school day. As the darker nights draw in, the risks caused by thoughtless parking and driving increase, and it is important that children and parents are aware of the dangers. To this end a workshop has been arranged through the Parents' Group for all parents. It will be run by the Calderdale Road Safety Team and will take place in the school on Friday, November, 5th at 9.00 am. Please try to come along.

7. After-School Clubs

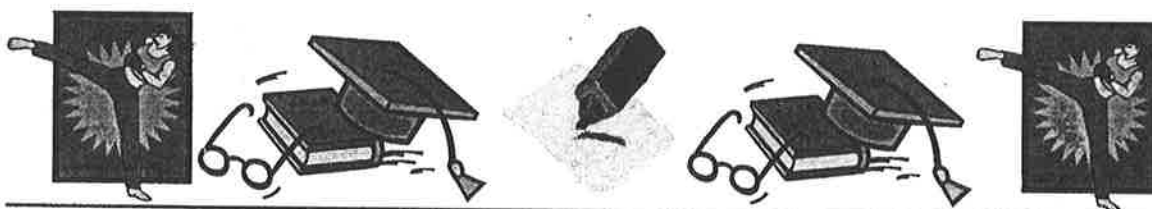


A form for applications for clubs can be found at the end of this newsletter. Mr Dyson is also hoping to begin a Sports Club after Christmas and Mr Costello is also interested in running an after-school music club after Christmas. There is the possibility of funding for one additional club. If any parent knows of a member of the community who would be willing to run a club, and undergo appropriate police checks, especially in the field of sports, I would be very interested.

8. Staffing Update

Unfortunately Mrs Harvey is still unable to return to school, and Mrs Tankard is also currently not very well, and we wish her a speedy recovery. Miss Denton is leaving the school shortly to take up a job outside of education, and I am sure you will all join with me in wishing her well, and in thanking her for her dedication and efforts over the past few years. The governors have advertised two of the current vacant posts, and will advertise the new vacancy in due course. However, if any parent knows of any suitable person who would be available to fill a teaching assistant post temporarily, could they let me know as soon as possible, as we are currently operating with three teaching assistants less than we would like.

9. Courses/ Activities for Adults



An art and craft family workshop has been arranged for the afternoon of Thursday, November, 11th at 1.00pm. It is for parents working with Reception or Year 1 children, and will focus on the making of Eid cards. A crèche for younger children will be provided. An application form for this workshop is attached at the end of this newsletter. Please could interested parents return it to school by Tuesday next week at the latest.

We have asked for tutors to run courses in English and Punjabi and hope to have these available by the beginning of the Spring Term.

There has been a good response to the possibility of starting a class for aerobics, and Mrs. Mir is currently negotiating with the RIMs company about the availability of the hall. I hope to be able to update you on the progress of this early next week.

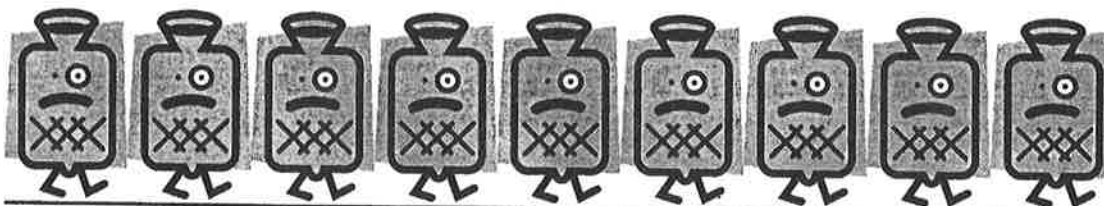
10. Annual Parents' Meeting

This will take place at school on Wednesday morning, November, 24th, at 9.00 am. The Governors' Report should be with you early next week. In the meantime can I remind parents that the meeting will only take place if 15 parents confirm they wish for it, by returning the confirmation slip at the end of this newsletter. This slip also allows parents to express an interest in items to be included on the agenda. I have provided a list of areas of parental interest which I hope I have conveyed accurately from the parental inclusion questionnaires and discussions at the parents group meetings. Please could you return these slips to school before Wednesday, November, 18th, so that governors can arrange for the meeting to take place, and the agenda to be set.

11. Key Stage 1 SATs, 2005

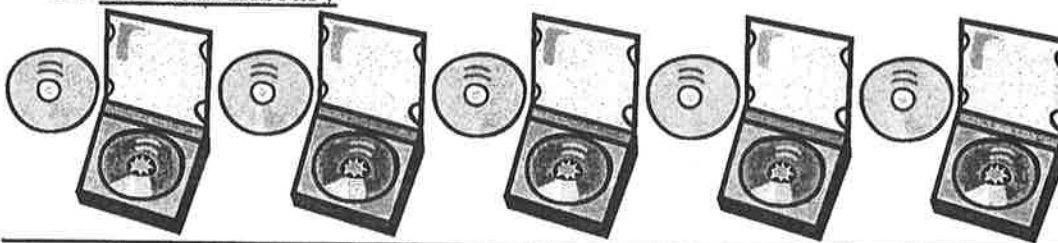
The government is proposing to make changes in the way SATs will be organised for Year 2 children next year. I have included a leaflet for all infant parents about these changes. This leaflet has been prepared by the DfES.

12. Medication Notification



Can I remind parents that we need **written instructions** from parents who wish first aid staff to administer medicines in school. Without these, medicines will not be administered.

13. CD Rom Library



This will start up again next week.

Yours sincerely,

George Owen

George Owen (Headteacher)