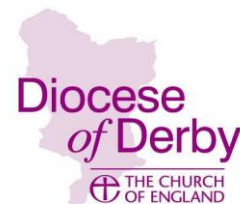




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Dear Parents/Carers,

It was great to see so many families at parents' evening, and I especially enjoyed your comments and feedback in the dining room area. We are very excited as a school to have a new provider taking over the catering contract from Monday. If you missed out on the taster session they are back here again next Wednesday at 3.30pm, so feel free to pop into the dining room then and ask any questions you may have. There are some more details on the new dinner system in this newsletter. Thank-you also for filling in the 'mini' questionnaires, the results of these are below.

Responses from the 'mini' questionnaire:

In total 157 questionnaires were completed and put into the boxes.

Do you like the new arrangements for parents evening, allowing you time to look in the classrooms?

YES 157 NO 0

Do you like the arrangements for parents evening, allowing you time to talk to Mrs Woodhouse in the hall?

YES 156 NO 1

Do you like the mini report system to inform you about your child's progress?

YES 155 NO 2

Do you feel that your child gets:

Enough homework 127 Not enough homework 29 (N.B. one response = too much)

You will know from my last letter that this mini questionnaire was partly to find out your current views on *informing you on your child's progress and your views on homework*. On the whole these responses show that the new set up with the mini report system is supported by the majority of our families. In addition our homework system is working for the majority of parents and carers. Where individual comments were made, these will be shared and acted upon where appropriate.

Children in Need Day:

As one of our Year 5 classes is out on a school visit on Friday, 18th (Children in Need day), our school will be fund raising for Children in Need on Thursday, 17 November. Children are invited to wear spotty accessories if they wish to, and there will also be cakes for sale at break time. If you are able to send in any cakes to school, please send them on Thursday, 17 November, and these are to be taken in to the dining room.

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Anti-bullying week:

Next week will be the annual 'Anti-bullying Week' for 2011. The theme this year will be 'Stop and Think, Words can hurt'. We will be focussing on this through an assembly/collective worship in school and through various lessons in class. We are also running a poster competition based on the theme, where your child can win DVDs and books/resources for the school.

PTFA:

Are you willing to join our PTFA to support the fundraising events that are held over the year, to raise money for the school. At present there are only a few people on the PTFA and it is in danger of disappearing. If you are willing to help on the PTFA and wish to find out more about it, please speak either to Mrs Nicholson or Mrs Herbert.

The new dinner system:

We are delighted that with the new catering company, the price of school meals remains the same (£2 a day), but the choice is greater. In addition there will always be a hot jacket potato as an option each day. After the winter has passed, a new spring menu will come out and this will have a baguette as one of the choices. A condition of the new company is that the school is now directly responsible for collecting in all dinner monies and paying the money to the Catering Company from the school's own budget. Therefore please pay for dinners in advance. If you would like a new menu, or you have any other queries around dinners, please see Mrs Yates in the school office.

Snow: (because we never know when it might appear!)

In the event of snow occurring in the coming months, I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of our procedure. It is very unlikely that we would close the school, as many staff live locally and can walk to school, and therefore it is likely that the school would **remain open** to all pupils. However in the case of school closure, we will contact Radio Derby and RAM FM (if I can get through to them) who would announce the closure of St Peter's Junior School. Also information may be found on Derby City Council website. If there is **heavy** snow, then it is at the discretion of parents/carers whether or not your child/ren comes to school for that day, and if a child is not at school, the absence will be marked as unauthorised.

Jam Jars/Wool

If you have any spare jam jars/knitting wool, can you please bring them to the school office. We need the jam jars because our children are making chutney, to sell at the Christmas concerts, to raise funds for our school. We need wool because we have a highly successful finger knitting club.

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Woodhouse
Headteacher

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Dates for your information:

Wednesday, 16 November	Year 2 Open afternoon for parents
Thursday, 17 November	Celebrating Children in Need day
Friday, 18 November	Year 4 visiting St Peter's Church looking at different ways of praying
Friday, 18 November	Y5 class visit to Donington Le Heath Manor
Tuesday, 22 November	Y4 'open / curriculum' afternoon for parents and carers
Wednesday, 23 November	Y5 class visit to Donington Le Heath Manor
Thursday, 24 November	Y6 'open / curriculum' afternoon for parents and carers
Friday 25 November	Y4 Egyptian workshops (in school)
Thursday, 1 December	Y5 'open / curriculum' afternoon for parents and carers
Friday, 2 December	Y3 'open / curriculum' afternoon for parents
Wednesday, 7 December	Y5/6 Christmas performance 2pm and 7pm
Monday, 12 December	Y3/4 Carols around the tree 2pm
Tuesday, 13 December	Y3/4 Carols around the tree 2pm
Wednesday, 14 December	Y3 to the assembly rooms pantomime
Thursday, 15 December	Church Service
Monday, 19 December	Year 3/4 Christmas party
Tuesday, 20 December	Year 5/6 Christmas party
Wednesday, 21 December	Break up for Christmas Holidays

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Thursday, 5 January 2012	School re-opens for pupils
Friday, 27 January 2012	INSET Day
Friday, 10 February	break up for half term
Monday, 20 February	school re-opens for pupils
Friday, 30 March	break up for Easter holidays
Monday, 16 April	school re-opens for pupils
Thursday, 31 May	break up for half term
Friday, 1 June	INSET Day
Monday, 11 June	school re-opens for pupils
Monday, 25 June 2012	INSET Day
Friday, 20 July	school breaks up for summer holidays

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