

October 2008

Dear Parents,

Please find enclosed your child(s) half-term assessments (J3-S11). Please contact your child's form tutor if you have any concerns regarding these assessments.

Please note that this letter will be emailed to you. Attached to the email are some very interesting articles written in the TES during the last four weeks which I encourage you all to read. If you do not receive this email please contact the school with your up-to-date email address.

We will be featuring a 'classified' section in the next school newsletter to enable you to buy and sell school uniform, musical instruments etc. from each other. We would also like to invite all our parents to get involved in our 'e' group whereby you have the chance to give feedback or share ideas with our marketing manager, Mrs Angela Bywater. Please email Angela (abywater@westbourneschool.co.uk) if you would like to be involved in either of these two initiatives.

Parking

In order to ensure minimal risk of injury please note the Junior School car park is now out of bounds for all our pupils. Please could all parents dropping off and picking up pupils also observe this and ensure your children use the paths instead.

Junior School Prep

Please could all parents making use of Junior School Prep note that staff who have undertaken the duty will sometimes need to leave promptly at the end of the prep at 5.15pm. Please ensure you are punctual to collect your children on or before this time. If you are late it is likely your son/daughter will be put in crèche if Mrs Carroll is still on the premises and charges will then ensue. Once you have collected your children please keep them from behaving boisterously and from running around the campus.

Activities

Please also make sure children are picked up punctually after activities. We rely on staff's goodwill when taking children off site. On late returns it is especially frustrating for staff if they have to wait around once most others have been collected and gone home. Your cooperation is much appreciated in this. We encourage all our children to participate in after school activities; please see the attached schedules for our current activities on offer.

Staff

The games department has taken on several assistants to help deliver our ever widening games curriculum. We are pleased to welcome Matt Delany, Yagoda (Jaye) Malendowicz, Alan Treloar, Paul Dixon and David Carrick.

Congratulations

Our open morning was a great success; we had more new parents attend than ever before. My thanks to all the staff, Governors, FoW and especially to our children for their contributions.

To S9F for winning the 'Guardian Young Writers Competition'.

To all our musicians who attended the music festival at Worksop.

To Mr Adam Brown and his wife, Danielle, whose second child, Oliver James, was born recently weighing 8lbs 1½ozs.

To the U13 rugby squad and Mr Davey for winning Westbourne's 7-a-side trophy for the second year running.

To all staff for pulling together during this last week and providing our children with a brilliant alternative curriculum. The Art Week in Junior School, led by Mrs Dee Harris, was a great success and in Senior School; Forensic Science, Architecture Workshop, SHED (drugs and alcohol awareness), Street Dancing and a visit to the Space Centre have also featured.

To all the students in the J5-J6 Art Club who participated in the "Fire Works Safety" art competition run by Sheffield Trading Standard, to promote safety awareness.

To Elizabeth Weldon (J6) who won the first ever "Artist Merit" prize in this competition. Elizabeth was presented her prize by the Lord Mayor Jane Bird at the Quaker Meeting House this week. Additionally, as part of her prize, Elizabeth received an invitation to join the Lord Mayor in her chambers for tea with the other two major prize winners.

Congratulations to the Junior School for their sponsored sing on Tuesday 21st October, which was a great success. They have raised over £700 already for charity, with more money still coming in.

The Junior School have had two lunch time concerts this half term, which have proved very popular with over 80 children attending.

Important Dates

Scholarship examinations for J6 entry into our Senior School will take place on Wednesday, 28th January 2009 at 9.00am. Please contact Mr Heald for further details.

All Senior School parents meetings after half-term are at 5.00pm.

The next Headmaster's Surgery will be held on Thursday, 27th November 2008 at 3.30pm in Ashdell Grove Hall. This is an opportunity for parents to air general concerns or discuss topical issues.

The FoW Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday, 29th November 2008 between 11.00am and 1.00pm.

Christmas concerts – **All** pupils are expected to attend. Arrangements should be made to take home all J3-J6 pupils after the St Mark's Carol Service. There will be **no** prep. Please note the Senior School carol concert has been changed from 11th December to the new date of Monday, 8th December 2008 at 7.00pm at St John's Church, Ranmoor.

Finally good luck to all those teachers and pupils who are now in Barcelona on our sports tour. We look forward to seeing you all after the half-term break

Yours sincerely