



Duke Street Primary School

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Macmillan Cancer Support

Thanks to staff, parents and friends who helped raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. £120 was raised last week but total this will rise with the sale of left over cakes and biscuits.



Harvest Assembly: Fair Shares

Thanks to those parents and friends who attended our Harvest Assembly based on the theme of fair shares. Mrs Griffiths, from 'Chorley Help the Homeless' was delighted with our donation of non-perishable food, which was handed over for distribution within our local community to needy families and individuals.

Jeans for Genes Day: Friday 2nd October.

Tomorrow is "Jeans for Genes" Day. **Jeans For Genes** is one of the charities we have supported for many years, by asking children to come to school in something denim and bringing a donation of at least 50p for the privilege of being in non-uniform. All proceeds go to the charity that helps children who suffer from one of a number of genetic illnesses. Additionally, we have had a volunteer to make chocolate crispy cakes to be sold in aid of Jeans for Genes too. You can find out more information about this charity by visiting www.jeansforgenes.com or www.geansareus.org



Open Day / Open Evening

We are arranging an open morning and evening on **Tuesday 13th October**. The sessions are from 10.00 till 11.30am and from 5.30pm to 7.00pm. Primarily these sessions are aimed at parents of children who are due to start primary school in September 2010, but there may be some of you who were unable to come into school for our last open day in June.

Cultural Diversity Week: (Starting Monday 19th October)

Don't forget Cultural Diversity the week leading up to the half term break. We will be having visitors in school and doing lots of different activities from cultures all over the world. If you think your services might be useful, let yourself be known to your child's teacher or Mr Kidd.

Parent Helpers

If there are parents out there who are willing to help in school in any other capacity, possibly listening to individual readers we want to hear from you! Subject to CRB clearance you will be able to give your assistance.



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Fruit Sale

Due to the popularity of the fresh fruit sales organised by a group of year 6 pupils, the daily sale of 50p "fresh fruit dishes" returns for a while longer.

Swine Flu Advice from the Health Protection Agency

As the term progresses, schools up and down the country will be experiencing cases of swine flu. The current advice from health experts for schools in the United Kingdom is that all pupils and members of staff should continue to attend their school as normal, providing they are well. Anyone who has a fever and flu-like symptoms should stay at home and contact NHS Direct on 0845 4647 or their GP by phone for advice.

Children who are suffering flu-like illness should stay off school for a minimum of 7 days from the beginning of their symptoms and not be sent back to school until they are fully well.

Everyone can play their part to slow the spread of the virus by practising good hygiene:

- Washing hands frequently with soap and water to reduce the spread of virus from your hands to face or to other people.
- Cleaning hard surfaces (e.g. door handles) frequently using a normal cleaning product.
- Covering your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, using a tissue when possible.
- Disposing of dirty tissues promptly and carefully.
- Making sure children follow this advice.

Ensuring children wash hands regularly, especially after going to the toilet, also helps prevent other problems such as worms.

Extended Schools Survey

*Enclosed with this newsletter is a survey about extended services through schools which we would ask you to complete and return by **Friday 9th October.***

School Brochure 2009/2010

Earlier in week you should have received the school brochure for the current academic year. Any omissions in the hard copy will be rectified in the version to be uploaded on the school website shortly.

National Children's Book week

To mark this event Miss Goodwin will be opening the library up to parents and children after school next Thursday 8th October, for an hour, in celebration of children reading for pleasure.

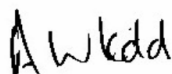
Contacting Parents

Over the next month or so parents may receive text messages from school as Mrs Nicholls will be trialling a couple of systems to contact parents via mobile phone for absences/information etc.

Bank card

A card was found on the school yard last week, if you have misplaced yours please contact Mrs Nicholls in the school office.

Yours sincerely



Mr A.W.Kidd HEADTEACHER