

NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER



The children in Years 1 to 6 have been working hard this week practising for our POPUK concert on **Thursday 27th September at 6 p.m.** at Robin Park Arena. They have also recorded a C.D. which will be on sale at the end of the concert at a cost of £8.00. This is going to be a fantastic event as around 380 children will be performing together in front of an audience of around 500. We will be transporting the children to the arena for 3.45 p.m. to rehearse, and we would like them to bring a packed tea to eat before the concert starts - please send this in a disposable bag. Your children will need to be collected after the concert finishes, which will be around 7 p.m. If you are in the audience we would ask you to remain seated and then children will congregate, in their classes, at designated points in the hall so you can collect them. If you will not be in the audience the staff will bring the children to the front entrance when the other children have been collected.

TICKET INFORMATION

Tickets that have been ordered have been sent home today with the children, along with any change (**please note: one ticket admits one person only**). The remaining tickets will go on sale next week, however to accommodate all parents there are two ways to purchase tickets:

- 1) By e-mailing Mrs Poole (headteacher@admin.mabscross.wigan.sch.uk) **after 6 p.m. on Monday 24th September** with your request, then sending the correct money into school on Tuesday morning in an envelope. E-mails will be processed in the order they arrive after 6 p.m.
- 2) Some tickets will be held back to sell at the door leading to the school car park on **Tuesday morning at 9 a.m.**

(A maximum of two additional tickets may be purchased)

We hope you enjoy the concert and look forward to seeing you there.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

Thank you to all those parents who attended our Parent Information Night last night, it was wonderful to see so many people. For those of you who were unable to attend we shared the results of the annual parents' questionnaire, our new homework policy, changes to our reward system and developments to the curriculum. The new Behaviour Policy and Homework Policy will be uploaded to the website by the end of next week, along with the results of our parents' questionnaire. If you would like information about the topics individual teachers spoke about please feel free to contact them.

DATA COLLECTION SHEET (YEAR 1 - YEAR 6)

If you haven't already returned your child's data collection sheet and privacy notice please send it into school on Monday. If you have misplaced it please ask at the office for a new one. Thank you.

HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES

We have noticed an increasing number of unhealthy items coming into school in lunchboxes, such as Pepperami sticks, sweets, large bars of chocolate and unhealthy 'snack box' type meals. As a school we would like to promote healthy lunchboxes in line with the guidance below:

A healthy lunchbox should contain items from each of the 4 groups below:

Carbohydrates which give energy, vitamins and minerals

E.g. Bread, wraps, bread rolls, pitta breads (whole grain varieties are best for fibre)

Protein which builds muscle and provide minerals

E.g. Lean meats, oily fish, cheese, egg and dishes containing beans or pulses (bean salad). Also meat alternatives such as tofu.

Milk & Dairy which provide calcium for strong bones and teeth

E.g. Yoghurt, fromage frais, milk, cheese (try to choose low-fat varieties)

Fruit & Vegetables which provide vitamins and minerals for the body to function properly

E.g. Salad, chopped fruit and vegetables, fruit, fruit salad.

Drinks and Treats

Only one snack, such as a biscuit or small bag of crisps should be included, and not necessarily every day. These items tend to be high in fat, sugar or salt.

No fizzy drinks should be included – sugar free drinks or water are ideal.

Thank you for your support with this matter.

PARENT STAFF ASSOCIATION

Our Parent Staff Association (PSA) will be holding their first meeting of the year on **Wednesday 3rd October at 7.30 p.m. at the Brocket**. This first meeting is a very informal meeting and new members are very welcome, so please come along. The PSA raises additional funds for school by organising social events, and other activities, to enable us to provide additional resources and experiences for the children. Currently they are raising money for the development of the playground.

TOAST HELPERS

At the moment we are desperately short of helpers to toast in the mornings. If you are able to volunteer from the beginning of the school day for about 45 minutes one day a week we would be very grateful. Please speak to Mrs Cole in the school office if you are available. Thank you.

COATS

Please would you ensure your child brings their coat to school every day now the weather is changing. Thank you

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