

NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

WELCOME

A warm welcome to all our new children and parents. As the first week comes to an end we hope all our Reception children are settling in to life at Mab's Cross. It is wonderful to see all our children back at school as we look forward to another exciting year.

This newsletter will be sent home every other Friday and will include any information, news and dates we need to share with you and keep you informed of forthcoming events. A copy of the newsletter will also be on the school website.

SCHOOL APP & TWITTER

We also share general messages and reminders via the app. Instructions on how to download the app are available on the website in the 'Parents' section. We also have a Mab's Cross Twitter account which will be used to share news about events and life at Mab's Cross (@Mabs_cross)



EXCITING NEWS!!!

In a couple of weeks all the children in Years 1 to 6 will be taking part in a very exciting project called **POPUK**. The project uses music and performance to develop and celebrate the values of understanding and respect. This is a whole school community project which will bring children, staff and parents together and is something we are really excited about. The POPUK team will be coming into school during the week commencing **17th September** to teach the children a range of modern songs, which all convey an important message. At the end of the week the children will be recording a C.D., and on the evening of **Thursday 27th September** the children will be performing a concert at Robin Park Arena for parents.

As you can imagine this is going to be an amazing experience for the children and we would not want any child to miss out, so please put the date in your diary. Children in Years 5 and 6 and their parents will remember the last time we took part in the project and I am sure they will tell you about it. The children will be going to the arena during the afternoon of the concert to rehearse, and we will be asking them to bring something to eat for tea before the concert which will begin at 6 p.m.

This will probably be the biggest concert ever performed by one primary school in Wigan as there are so many children and staff involved, and it is going to be great fun! More details will follow, including ticket details, in a couple of weeks.

DATA COLLECTION SHEET (YEAR 1 – YEAR 6)

In order that we have the most up-to-date contact information please would you fully complete and date the sheet your child has brought home today and return it to school by **Monday 17th September**. This is part of our safeguarding procedures and it is important that a new form is completed annually. To fulfil our requirements regarding new data protection laws we must provide parents with a privacy notice which explains the type of data we hold and how we use this data. We also need your permission to hold and share certain data, therefore there is a section of the form for you to complete before returning to school, along with the data collection sheet. Thank you for your cooperation with this matter.

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

On **Thursday 20th September at 6 p.m.** we will be holding a Parent Information Night. This will begin with a presentation about initiatives and priorities for the school for the coming year, followed by a short presentation by your child's class teacher in the classroom, giving you information about what will be going on in your child's class this year. It will also be a good opportunity to ask any questions. The evening should finish around 7 p.m. We look forward to seeing you all there.

UNIFORM

Thank you for your support with our school uniform - all the children look very smart! Please ensure that all items of uniform, including P.E. kit, are named, preferably with your child's initial, last name and year group (or class teacher) to ensure we can return it to them as soon as possible.

Children in Reception class and Key Stage 1 should have pumps for P.E. Children from Year 3 upwards can wear pumps or trainers, however, if they are wearing trainers they must be able to tie their own laces.

Can we also remind parents that earrings are not to be worn in school. If your child has had their ears pierced over the summer holiday they will need to wear plasters over their earrings until they heal, however all earrings should be removed before the half term holiday. **Earrings must not be worn for P.E.**, as this is a health and safety issue.

DINNER MONEY

Dinner money has increased to **£2.30 per day** (£11.50 per week).

TOAST

Toast and milk will be starting again on Monday for Years 1 to 6. If you would like your child to have toast and/or milk please send the money into school on the previous Friday. The cost of toast is £1.00 per week and milk is £1.45 per week.

MONEY

Could we please ask that any monies sent into school are put into an envelope that is labelled with your child's name, the amount enclosed and what the money is for (e.g. toast, trip, etc.). Money should not be handed in at the school office as all money is collected in class in the mornings and recorded.

DATES

Mon. 10 th & Wed. 12 th September	Year 4 trips to Wigan Museum
Tuesday 11 th September	Year 2 Pirate Day
Friday 14 th September	Year 6 trip to Evacuee Experience, Bury
Monday 17 th September	PopUK week
Friday 21 st September	Year 5 visits to St Michael's Church
Monday 24 th September	Year 1 trip to Knowsley Safari Park
Thursday 27 th September	PopUK Concert at Robin Park Arena

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