

7th July 2009

Ryedale School

Newsletter

Message from the Headteacher

This is the first of two newsletters that will be issued before the end of term to give as much relevant information as possible concerning news and forthcoming events.

I mentioned in a previous newsletter that our High Performing Specialist Status entitles us to bid for a second specialism. The Governors asked us to compile our bid for Science (with Mathematics) which we duly did. Thanks especially to the work of Mr Gentry the bid was successful so we can now look forward to enhanced resources in Science and Mathematics from the beginning of the next academic year. Local Primary Schools will also benefit from this success. The funding is not as great for the second specialism as for the first, but it will make a welcome difference to what we can do in these two key curriculum areas.

Staffing: Further to the information given in the 21st May Newsletter, in which the replacements for Mr Dowson (retirement), Miss Nicol (career development) and Mrs Goodwin and Mrs Pinkney (maternity leave) were confirmed, I can now inform you that two further part-time appointments have been made. Mrs Clark, currently at Scarborough Sixth Form College, will be a great asset to Mr Hopkins in his new role as the Head of Art. Mrs Marwood also rejoins us to deliver principally Religious Education and Personal/Social/Health Education.

The outgoing colleagues will be missed enormously, Miss Nicol has made a massive contribution to PE, for which we thank her greatly.

Mr Dowson has made a significant contribution to PE and latterly to Maths over several decades. He is as enthusiastic now as he always has been. We wish him a long and happy retirement.

Sports Day: Our Track Sports Day is scheduled for this Thursday (9th July). Pupils will come to the field after afternoon registration at 1.40 p.m. and we hope to be underway soon after 1.45 p.m. Because of the buses turning in the back car-park, we are asking parents/carers to park on the field. Mr Smith will direct you to a safe and appropriate place. As the pupils play on the field at lunch-time, it would help us if parents/carers do not arrive much before 1.30 p.m.

There is obviously no way of controlling the weather. If it rains heavily, we shall make a decision by 12 noon as to whether or not it is safe to proceed.

If it is hot, please ensure your children have hats, water and sun-cream. We are all looking forward to a really enjoyable afternoon.

G R Jenkinson
Headteacher

HOLIDAY DATES 2009—2010

A copy of these were sent to parents in September 2008. Another copy is attached (see green sheet) in case it has been misplaced. Please try to avoid holidays in school time.

PLEASE NOTE: Pupils return to school on Monday 7th September 2009. Pupils will **NOT** need PE kit on that day.

SUMMER CONCERT

Yesterday evening we watched Ryedale School students achieve excellence in an extremely wide range of performance activities. The high levels of participation, the quality of performance and the sheer joy the students exuded made the evening very special. Thanks to everyone involved.

EMPLOYMENT OF CHILDREN

Parents are reminded that a child must be 13 years of age before they can work.

Pupils aged 13 or over who work are legally required to have a work permit (these are obtainable from the employer or school). Pupils who have jobs must not exceed 2 hours per day on a school day with a maximum of 12 hours per week.

During school holidays:

- (a) If a child is under 15 years of age they must not work for more than 5 hours per day with a maximum of 25 hours per week.
- (b) If a child is over 15 years of age they must not work for more than 8 hours per day.

P Clay
Deputy Headteacher

RYEDALE FOLK MUSEUM EVENT

As part of Ryedale School, we are doing an Enterprise Event Day, in which we have to raise funding for the maintenance for a new collection of antiques donated to the museum.

The Event Day is taking place on Wednesday 15th July 2009 at Ryedale Folk Museum. One of the events planned is a Grand Prize Draw, and we have many excellent prizes, kindly donated by local businesses. These include a family day ticket for up to 2 adults and 4 children to the Pickering Railway, a £25 voucher for Helen Cox's massage parlour, and a family day pass for up to 2 children and 2 adults to Castle Howard. We will be selling tickets for the Grand Prize Draw during the Event Day, but we will also be selling them to pupils **during lunch and break times**. Tickets will cost £1 for a strip of 5 tickets, so don't miss your chance to win loads of great prizes!

TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE IN THE MAIN ENTRANCE