



# Sheen Mount Primary School

FRIDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009



**Welcome** to the start of the Autumn Term. I trust that everyone has had a good summer and that the return to school has been calm.

As well as our new children in Reception Classes we have several new members of the school community further up the school and I am pleased to welcome four new members of staff . Katie Clark in Rabbits, Sarah Luetchford in Year 3, Robin Held in Year 5 and our new Key Stage 1 Team Leader Vicki Trinder in Moles.

There have been several changes to the school environment during the break and I hope that you are impressed with the developments. We now have a great new outdoor learning space for our Reception Class children, refurbished toilets in Years 1 and 2, new activity markings in the main playground, a refurbished music room and a raised planter in the Year 5 and 6 playground.

#### **Sarah the school cat**

Those of you who have been a member of the school community for some time might have met the school cat Sarah. I am very sorry to have to report that she recently became ill and on Friday sadly died. She has been a regular fixture of the school office and was over eighteen years old . she will be missed by us all.

#### **Birth Announcements**

We are pleased to announce that during the summer holiday Mrs Felstead had a little girl called Maisie, Mrs Solly a baby boy called Isaac and Mrs Wills another little boy called Harry. All are very well and hopefully they will pop in to visit us all soon.

#### **Hampton Football Tournament**

Last weekend Sheen Mount took part in a Five-a-side tournament at Hampton School.

There were 26 schools there from all over the borough and we had to get there really early in the morning. Joe's dad was the Manager in charge of the team and when we got there we were all really nervous because Sheen Mount won the tournament last year so we had a lot to live up to.

Hampton School has a massive sports field and all the five-a-side pitches were laid out in amongst the other rugby matches which were also going on at the same time. There were hundreds of people playing and watching and each team had to play 6 matches. We won all our matches and scored 21 goals. Our biggest win was against Kings House . the score was 9 -1. Ravenscourt Park won the tournament with 50 points and we came 3<sup>rd</sup> with 39 points behind Prospect House who had 40 points.

It was such a lot of fun and we felt proud to be wearing our Sheen Mount football shirts. We all enjoyed taking part even though we didn't win. The team: Charlie Philips, Alex Fraley, Josh Thompson, Joe Dickson, Charlie Fox and Ben Frolich.

Report written by Charlie Philips.

#### **SCHOOL EXPECTATIONS**

**All school uniform**, especially sweatshirts, and school PE kit **should be clearly named**. PE kit needs to be at school ready for lessons. It should be in a drawstring bag as we do not have room to store large rucksacks or holdalls. Please make sure that plimsolls still fit after the holiday! Lost property can be found in your child's classroom or in the lost property cupboard in the lower corridor.

Children with **long hair** . girls and boys- should have it tied up for school. This will help to avoid head lice infestations.

Children and younger siblings should **not use the jungle gym** before and after school. I realise it is very difficult to keep them off but we are not covered by insurance if there is an accident when the equipment is unsupervised. Children should not play on the school grounds at the end of the day. Please leave the school premises promptly once you have collected your child. We also ask that children (or adults) don't cycle or scoot in the school grounds. **Cycles and scooters** can be left at school in the designated areas.

**Dogs** are not allowed on the school grounds and the school is a **no smoking** environment.

**Parking** is always a problem and we do ask parents not to drive to school if at all possible. If you do need to drive, please park considerately for neighbours and to ensure good visibility for the children as they leave the school premises.

In line with LEA expectations, governors will not authorise holiday absence in term time, except in exceptional cases. If your child is to be **absent from school** please let us know as soon as possible and we will send you a form for completion. Please remember that children should not return to school for 24 hours after sickness. All lateness also has to be recorded by class teachers and the Educational Welfare Officer will follow up with families if children are regularly late to school.

Children should **not bring sweets or chocolate** to school, even as part of their packed lunch. Children in Key Stage 1 (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) are provided with a piece of fruit at playtime under the **Government's 'Free Fruit' scheme**. Older children are encouraged to bring fruit or a healthy snack to school to eat at break.

Some families have changed addresses, home telephone numbers and mobile numbers since July. Please make sure that Jane de Metz has up-to-date contact details. Many thanks.

#### **New school web-site**

Some of you may have noticed that our school web-site ([www.sheenmount.richmond.sch.uk](http://www.sheenmount.richmond.sch.uk)) has been redesigned. Over the coming weeks we will be ensuring that it is regularly updated . the front page remains the primary source of information for urgent school communications.

#### **PTA MESSAGE**

You should have received your invitation to the PTA Party on Friday 25 September 2009. This event - part of the PTA calendar for the first time last year - is not a fund raising event. It is an opportunity for parents and teachers to get together informally in the first term, meet new people, catch up with old friends and have an evening 'on the PTA' (although we do expect you to buy your drinks!). It's also an opportunity to say thank you to those who've worked tirelessly during the year, organising events and being class reps. After all, it's the hard work and commitment of the parents at Sheen Mount, which has made many significant development projects possible (including the re-building of the school kitchen). Don't forget to return your reply slip to the school office and I look forward to seeing many of you there. If you haven't received an invitation don't worry . just turn up!

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## Music Notices Instrumental lessons

Recorder lessons and Year 1 Music Makers began this week. Music lessons with the Richmond Music Trust will commence the week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> of September as will the Year 5 Wider Opportunities transition project. Mr Keogh will begin trumpet lessons on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September.

Please ensure that all instruments and music are named. All music timetables will be displayed in each classroom and on the Music notice board on the lower corridor by the Hub. The Richmond Music Trust will inform you directly if your child is beginning lessons this term.

Please remind your child to take their instrument home and encourage your child to practice regularly at home.

## The Griffin Café

Janine in the Griffin Café would like some additional help for a short time during the lunch hour to help with serving the lunches. If you know anyone or are interested yourself in a part time job with Restaurants @ School please pop in to speak to Janine about the position.



## Curriculum Information

Accompanying this letter you should find the Curriculum Information for your child's year group. This should give you an insight into the learning that they will be doing over the next few weeks. This information is also available on the school web-site. If you have any questions regarding this please speak to your child's class teacher.

## Used Uniform Sale

We will be having a second hand uniform sale on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September in the school hall. If you have any uniform that you would like to donate please make sure you hand it into Mrs de Metz by Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>. The uniform will be on sale from 8.45 - 9.30 in the morning for a £1 an item.

## Dates

### September

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> . 19:30 PTA Meeting  
Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> . 19:30 Year 6 Parents Meeting for French trip and secondary school transfer  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> . 20:00 PTA Party  
Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> . Individual Pupil Photographs

### October

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> . 9:15 KS1 Harvest Assembly 14:45 KS2 Harvest Assembly  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> . Year 5 Roman Day  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> . Numeracy Focus Week Start of Year 6 Cycling Proficiency  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> . Year 4 trip to the National Archives  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> . 19:30 Full Governors Meeting  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> . Hi Five Netball Festival (Years 5 + 6)  
Monday 19<sup>th</sup> - Parent Consultations  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> . Parent Consultations  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> . Year 4 trip to the National Archives  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> . Parent Consultations (evening session)  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> . INSET day

### HALF TERM 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October

### November

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> . Numeracy Focus Evening  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> . PTA Fireworks  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> . Tag Rugby Competition (Years 5 + 6)  
Year 4 trip to Hampton Court  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> . PTA Christmas Shopping Evening  
Friday 27<sup>th</sup> . Year 6 Cross Country competition

### December

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> . Recorder Concert Years 2,3 and 4  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> . PTA Christmas Fair  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> . 9:30 KS1 Christmas Show (dress rehearsal)  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 KS1 Christmas Show 19:30 Full Governors Meeting  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> . 9:30 KS1 Christmas Show  
Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> . 19:00 Christmas Church Service  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> . End of Term 14:00