

St John's College



The Junior School

Newsletter September 2008

Dear Parents,

We hope that you have spent an enjoyable summer holiday, in spite of the weather.

We extend a very warm welcome to the new pupils and parents of R8 as well as parents and pupils new to the school.

This term there are several new initiatives as well as many of our usual activities.

Meet the Teacher

On Thursday, 25th September there is an opportunity to meet your child's new form teacher. This takes place at the end of school and is normally a chance to make introductions and for you to communicate any information that will enable us to do our job better. Usually parents are seen at about five minute intervals. However, if you feel that you need to have a more in depth discussion, it would be better to arrange a meeting at another time with the form teacher.

Book Week

Book Week is, as usual, the first week in October. In school we shall be celebrating the week with many activities. A story teller will visit the school on Friday 3rd October. There will be a wide selection of books in school. The children will be able to purchase books in room 3.1 after school on Wednesday to Friday of that week.

Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 17th Sept.

Thursday 25th Sept.

Monday 29th Sept.

– Friday 3rd Oct.

Wednesday 8th &

Thursday 9th Oct.

Friday 10th Oct.

Monday 13th Oct

– Friday 17th Oct.

Friday 17th Oct.

Wednesday 22nd Oct.

– Friday 24th Oct.

Monday 27th Oct.

– Friday 31st Oct.

Monday 17th Nov.

Tuesday 25th Nov.

Monday 1st Dec.

– Friday 5th Dec.

Friday 12th Dec.

Wednesday 17th Dec.

Meeting for parents new to the Junior School

Meet the Teacher R9 – R11

Book Week

R9 and R10 CAT Tests (AM)

Harvest Festival

R11 Enterprise Week

R11 Trade Fair

Inset for Teachers

Half Term

R11 Victorian Day St Fagans

Carol Concert, St David's Hall

School Assessments

R8 Parents' Assembly

Christmas Concert, 7pm School Hall



The new R8s are welcomed into the Junior School

Enterprise Week

It is very difficult to give children a true idea of the world of work but it is something that it is desirable to do even at their young age. Therefore R11 will for one week starting 13th October be freed from normal timetable. They will be working very hard, using English, Maths, ICT and many other skills to run their own companies. The children will be making exciting products for sale and providing services. The week will end with a Trade Fair on 17th October when the fruit of their labours will be on sale in the Junior Department in the afternoon. They are earnestly hoping for the support of everyone. Please watch out for further news on this.

Advance Notice

In the summer term during Road Safety Week R10 will be doing a cycling proficiency course. The instructors of the course have requested that the pupils be able to ride and have good control of a bike before starting the course. If any pupil is unable to ride, they will be able to have lessons at their Maindy Road Centre. This will be a private arrangement between parents and the Centre but it is advisable to have lessons early rather than later.

Music Department News

Please consult the enclosed Music Department Notice as well as the school and Cathedral Choir websites for details of our extensive extra-curricular music provision.

Sports News

Please consult the 'Sports News' page on the school website for more information about the exciting extra-curricular sports programme (updated weekly).



A selection of photos from the Junior Sports Day 2008

Please remember:

We are grateful for your support. Please continue to sign the diaries daily; there is little room for bags in our classrooms and we would like pupils to use the St John's school bag for books; at the end of the day please collect your child from the teacher so that they do not make their own way through the cars. Thank you for your continued support.

We look forward to seeing you at our various events during the term.

Mrs C. Loveland.