



# Newsletter January 2010

**A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR! WELCOME BACK TO ALL OF YOU**

## **HOME PC/INTERNET GRANT**

The Government have just issued details of a grant available of up to £528 to low income families to spend on a computer or internet access. This grant is available to parents of children in years 3 – 6 and is provided to those parents who qualify for free school meals or are in receipt of income support, income-based job-seekers allowance.

The scheme is being run for the next 18 months but there is a limited budget available. To check if you are eligible or to apply please contact:



**Home Access on 0333 200 1004**

PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT THE SCHOOL AS WE HAVE NO FURTHER DETAILS.

### **EMERGENCY TEXT/EMAIL MESSAGING SERVICE**

We are very sorry that the text messaging service did not work as efficiently as it should have during the snow days over the last couple of weeks. We have been in contact with Parentmail who have apologised to us and to our parents for the problems and we have their assurance us that these issues will be resolved.

Thank you for your co-operation during the difficult weather conditions.

**Please always inform the office of any changes to contact numbers or email addresses so that we can keep our records up-to-date at all times.**

### **LATENESS**

We would like to thank the majority of parents for getting their children to school on time, especially whilst the weather conditions have been so difficult. Our figures are inspected by the Government and there are a number of persistent late arrivals which we monitor and note. If your child is late ie arrives at school after 9am, you must bring your child to the office and sign the late book providing an authorised reason.

If you have a problem with the school opening and/or closing times, please telephone the school office to discuss this with Mr Hogben so that we can resolve the matter.

## LOST PROPERTY

Please come and check the lost property cupboard in the office entrance hall. Any named items will be returned to your child. Any unnamed items will be kept in the cupboard and these items will be disposed of on a regular basis. They will either be given to a charity shop or recycled. Parents are welcome to come into the office entrance hall and check the lost property cupboard at any time.

## NEW SIGNAGE

Please note the new sign that has been installed at the entrance to school –

**DO NOT WALK ON THE DRIVEWAY, PLEASE WALK ON THE PATHWAY**

I am very sad to report we had a telephone call from a resident in Prothero Gardens on Thursday of last week. This parent had parked across the resident's drive and making it impossible for the resident to leave her house, so that she could collect her child from school. The parent encouraged her child to shout at our local resident which infuriated the situation further. May I please ask you and your children to respect all our local residents to create a peaceful and harmonious environment around SMSJ.

## MAY WE REMIND YOU.....

- **Parents may not drive into school at the beginning and end of the day.** If you have a disability blue badge, please come in to school so that a copy can be made and your registration number noted.
- Please join our campaign to walk to school more frequently. If you live too far away, please "Park and Stride" – park further away and walk the remainder.
- Following the recent complaint from a resident, in future newsletters we will now publish the registration numbers of cars who park inconsiderately or dangerously.
- You are your child's best role model – please follow the rules! If you don't why should your child?

## CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS IN SCHOOL

We are very happy to give out individual gifts/party bags, individual sweet packets but NO UNCUT BIRTHDAY CAKES please – this is too time consuming and too messy for our teachers to deal with. Thanks

## DIARY DATES FOR 2010



Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Consultation week - appointment requests to follow
<b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup> – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>HALF TERM WEEK – SCHOOL CLOSED</b>
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 trip to Lincolnsfield Centre
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 trip to Whipsnade Animal Park
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 trip to Shropshire
<b>Wed 31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>Last day of term for children</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Weekend</b>