



de Stafford School

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PARENT BULLETIN

w/e Friday 10 October 2008

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Dear Parents,

Many of you will be aware that there was a serious car crash at the crossroads near the school last week. Fortunately, none of our students were injured. However, it did confirm for me how dangerous that junction is. I have already requested that the phasing of the lights is changed to give children more opportunity to cross safely, but I also feel that there needs to be more clearly posted warning signs with a possible introduction of a 20mph zone during school arrival and leaving times. If you would like to join in campaigning for better road safety around the school please write in and let me know.

Mark Phillips

Dancing Pencils Writers Club - for young aspiring "want to be" authors - every Wednesday during lunch break in the School Library with Mr Gous. See you there.

Are you a former Roke Primary School Pupil?

Elaine Adams is retiring after 12 years. The School is compiling a book of memories for her and any former Roke pupil is invited to make a contribution to this book. Former pupils are also needed as volunteers (limited numbers) for the retirement evening in December. Anyone wishing to donate to a retirement gift or obtain further details on the above, please contact Caroline Byers at Roke on: 0208 660 2714 or byers.roke.croydon@lgfl.net

Hockey Club - After School on Mondays and Thursdays with Mr Gous and Ms Nightingale. All ages welcome on both days.

Maths GCSE Study Workshops - Room G10/G16 - **Monday, Tuesday & Thursday**, 3.15 - 4.00pm

You are invited to attend a study workshop on one, two or all of the above sessions to focus on the January Module and preparation for the terminal paper, both of which will be tested on in your Mock Examinations in December. Regular attendance is encouraged - at least one session per week. All sessions will be taken by Maths teachers with individual/small group guidance as necessary. Please sign in for each session. Thank you.

European Day of Languages

On the 26th of September we celebrated the European Day of Languages. On the day the MFL Department had a selection European cheeses, breads, cakes and meats. During lessons we listened to a variety of European music, from French Rap to South American Pop music. Our students were also involved in looking at all the different countries in Europe and creating posters of European flags.

We also listened to the student's stories - most of them told us about their European background. Miss Rieger videoed most of the Foreign students and staff in the school and she asked them to introduce themselves in their respective mother tongue. These recordings were then shown in assemblies with the message that all students are valued at de Stafford.

Year 10 Work Experience - July '09

Letters have been given to all Year 10 students this week with information on work experience. This will take place from Monday 6 July to Friday 17 July inclusive. Students are responsible for finding their own placements. All WEX Forms should be completed (both sides) and returned to Ms Fowlds by 14 November. Thank you.

Key Stage 3 Art Club - Miss Wragg is running a Key Stage 3 Art Club after School every Thursday in Room D08.

Memorial Garden - **Saturday 11 October**

A parent has arranged for sleepers, poles, fencing to arrive at School on Saturday 11 October. We need adults (and children) to help for an hour or two anytime from 9.00 till 4.00pm please.

Please bring something to eat and drink, gardening gloves, suitable clothing, a sense of humour and a spade and fork if you have one. Does anyone have any spare grass seed please? Hope to see you on Saturday.

Bric-a-brac items

An appeal for bric-a-brac items for the Kenya Stall at Boot Sales. Please leave any items marked for Mr Jenkins at Reception. Thank You.

HPV Vaccinations -

Just a reminder that Year 8 girls have their second batch HPV vaccination next Thursday, 16 October.

PSA Meeting - Tuesday 18 November at 7.00pm in Library. New members very welcome.

Boot Sales (Saturdays):

- 1st November
- 6th December

Boot Sales 2009

- 7th March
- 4th April
- 9th May
- 6th June
- 4th July

Quiz Nights (Fridays):

- 24th October
- 28th November
- 23rd January 09
- 27th February 09
- 27th March 09
- 24th April 09
- 22nd May 09
- 17th July 09