

Weekly Newsletter 27th January 2010

Staffing - We are very sad to announce that Mr Shah has had to leave due to sudden illness. This has resulted in some changes being made to the timetable and we are working hard to ensure that there is minimal disruption to lessons.

Miss Godbold will leave us at the end of March on maternity leave. She will be replaced for the last term by Mrs Brandon, who is of course well known to the children, and the class team will be joined by Mrs Sweeney who, again, is known to the children. This should ensure minimum disruption to the children's learning and a positive last term to the year.

Book Week - This takes place 8th to 12th February.

We have the exciting visit from author Adam Bushnell, who will tell tales and do workshops with the children. Autographed copies of his books and CDs can be ordered.

Classes will have special cooking, reading and creative writing and art activities during the week. On Monday and Tuesday there will be book sales and there will also be an opportunity for parents to come in and read to classes. Each class teacher will issue more information before the week starts. Look in the red bags for more information. Book week theme this year is animals.

Year 9 Options Evening – Mr Fossey and the secondary staff will be updating parents of pupils going into year 10 in September about the IGCSE options. This meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd February from 6-7.30pm. Parents and pupils are welcome to attend and teachers will give details of the courses.

Coffee Mornings – The weekly coffee morning is in the canteen tomorrow after drop off.

EY Haggart – coffee at Namur 27th January from 8.30am.

Year 4 – on Tuesday 2nd February at Namur from 08.15am.

Reception Foulds – Wednesday 3rd February at Namur from 08.20am

Funny Hat Day – As a warm up to book week, the primary student council are organizing a funny hat day on Friday 5th February. All pupils and staff in primary (Early Years up to year 6) are invited to create a hat at home and wear it on Friday. The idea is also to raise money for charity, and so participants are asked to pay 1.50 euro. Please aim to make or decorate a hat yourself rather than simply buying one!!



Secondary Cake Sale – Many thanks to the families for donations of cakes and cookies. 150 euro was raised on Tuesday to donate to the Haiti appeal. There is one china plate with colourful decoration left in the staffroom that needs to be claimed. Please let us know whose it is, that cake was very well received!!

Secondary School Disco – The student council is organizing a Disco on Thursday 25th February. There will be the usual snacks and drinks as well as non alcoholic cocktails! Tickets will be on sale 2 weeks before the event. Tickets will be 3 euro each and drinks and snacks can be bought separately.

Recommended Reading Lists – Key stage 3 English teachers would like to offer pupils a recommended reading list of authors. Using the authors name as a starting point, pupils can access book reviews on Amazon and other sites, to make choices about books they may like to read. Mrs Rue and Miss Kraus have prepared a long and varied list of authors for pupils to look at. This is available as a pdf beside the newsletter on the website.

A website to look for reading suggestions in primary is: <http://www.lovereadings4kids.co.uk/>

Library - Change to school policy about lost or damaged library items: As you may be aware there has been a huge investment in both of the school libraries and this has led to an amazing increase in the range of resources available to our pupils.

This increase has led to a change to school policy about lost or damaged books or DVDs. At the moment, the cost of replacing a book or DVD ranges from €4 to €60. We no longer feel that it is appropriate to charge one fixed fee to replace any item so we have decided to adopt the following policy:

In the unlikely event that a pupil loses or damages a book or DVD from either the primary or secondary library, we now ask parents to replace it.

Possible sources, within Luxembourg, include:

“Chapter 1 Bookshop”: 42 rue Astrid, L-1143 Luxembourg; tel 44 07 09; www.chapter1.lu

“Little Britain”: 1 route d’Arlon, L-8310 Cappellen; tel 26 31 08 56; www.littlebritain.lu

“Amazon” online: www.amazon.co.uk; www.amazon.fr; www.amazon.de

If you have any difficulty finding the book or DVD, we are happy to help you.

Until the book or DVD is replaced the pupil will, unfortunately, be unable to bring home anything from the library.

Clothing – Can parents please work with primary children to encourage independence in changing shoes and coats/snowsuits? Outdoor clothing is put on and off several times a day and time is being lost with children who do not manage to change unaided. In this weather please send children with appropriate clothing. They should all have mittens/gloves and hats in primary. Snow suits or ski trousers are also an excellent idea for this season!

Music – Double Entendre has now resumed rehearsals and it is open to all parents and friends who would like to sing in a relaxed atmosphere. They meet on Tuesdays 7.30-9pm here at school in the secondary music room. If you are interested please e mail music@st-georges.lu



Selfish Giant – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be performing a musical adaptation of Oscar Wilde’s Selfish Giant during the week of 15th to 19th March. Further details to follow.

Friday feeling Lunch - Open to all mums n dads. Friday 5th February, 12 midday. We will eat at Paul Eischen Restaurant in Utopolis building (right at the end of building). The booking is under the name St Georges, to confirm your place call Emma Schaub e2schaub@pt.lu or Helen Miller hmillier23@o2.co.uk (numbers available at reception for those that don’t already have them). NEW PARENTS - this is an informal relaxed and open event please join us.

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Dates for your diary

Friday 29th January.....Primary class rep meetings ks2 1-2pm, found ks1 2-3pm

Wednesday 3rd FebruaryYear 9 options evening 6-7.30pm

Thursday 4th February.....Coffee in canteen, talk on Reception reading

8th to 12th February.....Book Week

15th to 19th February.....Half term holiday

24th February.....Secondary School open morning 10-11.30am

Thursday 25th February.....Parents first aid talk at coffee morning

Monday 19th AprilSchool photographer

Paperwork issued to students this week

Parking letter

Early years gym letter

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