

No. 04 - 24th October 2007

Dear Parents, Staff, Governors and friends,



IMPORTANT REMINDERS FROM LAST WEEK

CONDUCT AT LUNCHTIMES

Students are being reminded that we are neighbours to those who live around us and we should behave accordingly. We have already had justifiable complaints from nearby householders about students trespassing and taking shortcuts through their premises and, even more disturbingly, making a nuisance of themselves in the grounds of Thornbury Hospital and causing damage to neighbouring houses.

Y10 students and above, with parental permission, may leave the site at lunchtime. Younger students should stay within the school grounds unless they have written parental permission to go home. There is plenty of space and plenty to do.

This does not involve going onto the King Edward's and Lydgate field to meet up with students from the other school. The field is out of bounds except for those playing sports matches or older students using it as a route to Manchester road. Older students crossing the field should be aware of any sports practices that are going on and walk round the boundaries of a pitch where a match or practice is taking place. Any litter should be brought back into school and put in bins, not dropped on the field or in the street. Being good neighbours is part of respecting others and the environment we all share.

FIREWORKS

And on a similar tack, I'm sure no-one needs reminding that it is now an offence for anyone under 18 to possess fireworks in a public place. Clearly, anyone bringing fireworks to school, let alone setting them off, would be breaking the law and would be prosecuted. They would also automatically be excluded from school, as would anyone acting with them. If you hear of any trader selling fireworks to minors, please inform the police.

CHANGE OF DATE OF THE 6TH FORM OPEN EVENING

Please note that the date of our open evening for Y11 students and their parents, in this and other schools, thinking about joining Tapton Sixth Form in September 08, has been brought forward a week to **Tuesday 13 th November at 7.00 p.m.** . We apologise for any confusion caused by this change. It means the Lower School Cross-Arts Project is brought back a week to accommodate it.



IT'S MRS HILTON'S FAMOUS QUIZ NIGHT 7.30 FRIDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

Bring a team - ask your friends – or just come along yourselves and we'll introduce you to some others. The Quiz itself has a well-trying and popular formula. People come as teams or join tables when they arrive. The questions are all to teams so it's all good fun and no-one's exposed. The questions are mainly general knowledge - with a special popular music section, guessing songs from the first few bars - and a few other sections. There are prizes for the winning team but also a prize for the losers - so everyone goes home happy. It's a really sociable occasion – fun but quite a contest, if you like a challenge. Excellent food - but no licensed bar - bring your own drink (and glasses). Tickets are £6 each, including food. See the reply slip at the end.



OTHER COMING EVENTS

Mon 5 th Nov
Tues 6 th Nov
Weds 7 th Nov

Y 9 German Exchange arrives
Nov 7-8
Thurs 8 th Nov
Fri 9 th Nov
PTA Quiz Night 7.30 School Hall
Tues 13 th Nov

Tues 20 th Nov

Nov 26-Dec7
Tues 4 th Dec
Mon & Tues Dec 10 - 11
Thurs 13 th Dec

First day back after half term holiday
Y11 Parents' Evening 4.30 – 7.00
CATS Test Information Evening for
Parents of Y7 Students

Y13 Drama Devised Performances
Senior UK Maths Challenge
Y10/12 Engineering Visit

Open Evening for Y11 Parents about
Tapton 6 th Form
Cross Arts Project 'Eco-Arts' 7.30
School Hall
Y11 GCSE Mock Exams
Y7 Parents' Evening 4.30 – 7.00
Christmas Concerts 7.30 School Hall
GCSE Certificate Presentation Evening

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| Mon 17 th Dec | for last year's Y11 Carol Service 7.30 at St John's Church , Ranmoor |
| Thurs 20 th Dec | A Level Certificate Presentation Evening for last year's Y13 |
| Fri 21 st Dec | Last Day ... Staff Production 'Joseph' a.m. ... Early closure 2.00 p.m. |
| Mon 7 th Jan 2008 | First day of Spring Term |



BUY A CALENDAR FROM TAPTON BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

(TBE) is a Young Enterprise company being run by a mainly visually impaired group of Y10 and Y11 students. They will be producing a CD sized desktop calendar for 2008 based on various aspects of Tipton School life. The calendar is very reasonably priced at £5.00 and should make a great Christmas present. Only a limited number of calendars will be made so TBE is offering a pre-order service where customers can reserve their calendars and avoid disappointment. If you would like to order now, please fill in the attached slip and enclose a cheque for £5.00 payable to Tipton Business Enterprise. Payments should be made to the Finance Office. Delivery will be before the Christmas holidays.



LIKE TO HELP THE PTA, BUT FAR TOO BUSY TO GO TO MEETINGS OR EVENTS?

BUY A TAPTON LOTTERY NUMBER FOR £10 and enjoy the amusement of a monthly draw while knowing that your contribution is making a difference in school. Like to make a bigger difference? – buy two numbers! See the reply slip below.



IF YOU VISIT US AT SCHOOL YOU MUST SIGN IN AT RECEPTION

For safety and security reasons, everyone, including parents and former students, who visits the school site, must sign in at Reception.



THERE'S A CROSSING AT MANCHESTER ROAD AND OTHER PLACES - PLEASE USE IT

Drivers at the beginning and end of the day want to get to where they're going just as much as you do. If they take chances and you take chances with your safety, the result can be tragic. It's happened before. Don't let the next victim be your child.



SPORTS REPORT

Netball

Congratulations to the Y11 team who played their first Netball tournament at KES yesterday. The girls played really well, winning two of their games and drawing one. Well done to the captain of the team and a big thank you to the students who volunteered their time to help umpire and assist the team. Also a reminder that training for Y8 through to Sixth form is on Tuesday after school and Friday lunch time. Y7 Netball will not be starting until after half term.

Badminton

Many congratulations to our U16 Boys Badminton team who have been selected to compete in the play-off competition for the **World Schools Championships** in Spain in April 2008. Only 6 teams across the country have been invited, so this is a tremendous honour and all credit is due to the boys who have shown exceptional commitment, dedication and talent. The play-offs are at the National Badminton Centre in Milton Keynes on Sunday 4 th November. This is the last weekend of October half term and there are a few spaces in the minibus. If anybody would like to support the team, see Mrs Riley in the PE Dept. Best of luck to the team. We'll all be thinking of you.

October Half Term Activity Course

Any parents who have children in Y4, Y5 or Y6 might be interested in our Half Term Sports Camps, taking place on Thurs 1 st Nov and Friday 2 nd Nov in Tipton School Sports Hall. There are lots of fun activities on offer, e.g. cricket, rounders, basketball and many more, from 10.00 – 2.30 p.m. Further details from Mrs Riley at Tipton.

REPLY SLIP 1 Send in an envelope with your cheque to the School Finance Office

Please allocate --- **Tapton Lottery Numbers (@ £10 each)** Cheque to **Tapton School PTA**

Name:

Address (for sending your winnings!)

Name & Form of student in school (or other point of contact)

REPLY SLIP 2 Send in an envelope with your cheque to the School Finance Office

I would like to order copies of the Tapton Desktop Calendar.

I enclose a cheque for £_____ (£5.00 per calendar).

Name

Please deliver calendar to _____ (name of student) Form

REPLY SLIP 3 Send in an envelope with your cheque to the Mr Storer

Please reserve --- **tickets for the Quiz Night (@ £6 each)** Cheque to **Tapton School PTA**

Name:

Name & Form of student in school (or other point of contact)