

No. 05 - 7th November 2007

Dear Parents, Staff, Governors and friends,



HAVE YOU GOT TICKETS FOR MRS HILTON'S FAMOUS QUIZ NIGHT 7.30 PM THIS FRIDAY - 9TH NOVEMBER?

Don't miss one of the most enjoyable nights of the year. 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, from Mr Storer, are £6 each, including food. See the reply slip at the end.



HOLLINGER IN ANTARCTICA - WEEK 1

Well, the wait is over, the fundraising is complete, the training is exhausted....and Tapton has its own globetrotter! Miss Hollinger, from the Geography department has just set off on the trip of a lifetime. She headed off to Antarctica on Saturday to begin a 2 month expedition, living life in a tent at -35C, all in the name of science! She was selected along with 3 other teachers from up and down the country to take part in the Fuchs Foundation Antarctic Expedition 2007. The aim of which is to encourage more young people to take an interest in science and geography. It will no doubt be a gruelling physical challenge but she has put in hours of training over the past 18 months and is now really geared up for the challenge that lies ahead. Updates of Miss Hollinger's progress can be found on her blog as she will be updating most days www.hollinger.edublogs.org. Updates will also be added frequently to the Fuchs Foundation Website www.fuchfoundation.org. She will most likely miss home at one point or another and therefore would appreciate any words of support and encouragement throughout the time she is there, her email address during her time away is dannyboy@bullexpeditions.com



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR U16 BOYS BADMINTON TEAM

Just 2 points separated them from being England 's representatives in the World Schools Championships to be held in Madrid in April. They came 2 nd by the narrowest of margins but played superbly in the national play-off competition in Milton Keynes last Sunday. What an achievement.

and to one our our students for getting through to the string semifinals of the **BBC YOUNG MUSICIAN OF THE YEAR 2008** to be held on Monday 17 th December.

And to one of our students who was part of the Hallamshire Golf Club team that won the **England Junior Team championship** at Woburn and was individual net winner as a 13 yr old playing in an U18 competition!



CHILDREN IN NEED DAY - FRIDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2007

Tapton School are raising funds for Children in Need Day by having a non-uniform day on Friday 16 th November. Pupils are to donate £1 for attending school in non-uniform which should be paid to their Form Tutor before Friday 16 th . If anyone is also keen to do any other fundraising activity on the day they need to discuss this with their Year Leader. I will keep you informed of how much we raise as a school for Children in Need. Thank you for your support. Let's make a difference. S. Rippin



'ECO-ARTS - LOWER SCHOOL CROSS-ARTS EVENING TUES 20TH NOVEMBER 7.30 PM

Tickets are on sale for this evening of performance and exhibitions in Music, Art, Dance and Drama. All tickets are priced £3 and available from the Drama Department at break and lunchtimes.



CHRISTIAN PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 21 st November, 6 Hagg lane, 8.00pm. For further details or prayer requests please contact Wendy on 2630328.



OTHER COMING EVENTS

Thurs 8 th Nov
Fri 9 th Nov
PTA Quiz Night 7.30 School Hall

Senior UK Maths Challenge
Y10/12 Engineering Visit

Tues 13 th Nov
Tues 20 th Nov
Nov 26-Dec7
Tues 4 th Dec
Mon & Tues Dec 10 - 11
Thurs 13 th Dec
Mon 17 th Dec
Thurs 20 th Dec
Fri 21 st Dec
Mon 7 th Jan 2008

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 for last year's Y11
Carol Service 7.30 at St John's Church , Ranmoor
A Level Certificate Presentation Evening for last year's Y13
Last Day ... Staff Production 'Joseph' a.m. ... Early closure 2.00 p.m.
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 Tapton 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 Tapton Business Enterprise. Payments should be made to the Finance Office. Delivery will be before the Christmas holidays.



RAISE FUNDS FOR THE PTA WHILE YOU DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

We've found a new and easy way for you to raise funds for Tapton School PTA - simply by shopping online!

We've teamed up with easyfundraising, an online shopping directory listing over 400 of your favourite stores, including Amazon, NEXT, Debenhams, John Lewis, Tesco, DELL and many more. Every time you shop online with any one of them, we'll receive up to 15% of every purchase – at no extra cost to you! It's completely FREE to register and use and it doesn't cost a penny extra to shop and raise funds in this way. In fact, you can even SAVE MONEY as many retailers give exclusive discounts, special offers and even 'e-vouchers' when you shop through the easyfundraising site. All you need to do is log on to the easyfundraising site at <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/taptonspta> - then register and start shopping!

If you shop on line anyway, then why not raise extra funds for us by using this completely FREE service. Every penny you raise will help us to (insert how you plan to use the funds raised). What's more, if you register before 15 July 2007 you could win £250 Amazon vouchers.



THE PTA AUTUMN FAYRE IS ON SAT 24TH NOVEMBER

This year we are making space available to people who would like to run their own stall (like the bazaar). Contact Mr Storer in school if you would be interested in this. PLEASE ALSO ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO ORGANISE THEIR OWN STALLS OR ACTIVITIES (which are always such a lively feature of the Fayre) and collect BOOKS, GAMES, CDs, DVDs or nearly new items (not older items or bricabrac) and bring them in to school in the week before the Fayre.



FREE CYCLISTS SAFETY VESTS

As part of a safety awareness promotional campaign for cyclists, particularly those commuting to work, Sheffield City Council are giving away free high visibility cycling vests. All you need to do is email daniel.maurice@sheffield.gov.uk with your name, address and size of vest required. Apparently they are generously sized so a Medium should fit an average build male. However if it is going over bulky winter clothing you may want to go up a size. They have S,M,L,XL, and XXL.

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REPLY SLIP 1 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) _____

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 _____