

**NO. 10 - 24TH JANUARY 2007**

**Dear Parents, Staff, Governors and friends,**



### **EARLY CLOSURE, 2.30 PM FRI 9TH FEBRUARY**

At 2.30 on Friday we will be presenting their Progress Files to the Y11, in front of staff and their parents, with a guest speaker. It's a special occasion and the culmination of years of support and guidance for people getting ready to move to the next stage in their lives whether to 6 th form, further education or training. We feel it's important for all staff to be there and therefore, by arrangement with the Governing Body, school will be closing for other years at the end of period 4 (2.30 p.m.), and the 651 school bus has been arranged for that time. Y11s will be dismissed at the end of the presentation.



### **SCHOOL SPORTS PARTNERSHIP**

Many congratulations to Tapton School and Lydgate Infant School on receiving the new government Sports Awards. As part of the new national school sport strategy from 2006, Activemark and Sportsmark Awards are presented to primary schools and secondary schools achieving the high standards required. Each year a panel from Sport England, DfES, DCMS meet to deliver the awards to schools that have met the criteria. Lydgate Infants have received the Activemark Award for excellent delivery of the new Sports Partnership programme, including increasing the number of pupils involved in Sport and improving the quality and range of sport offered. Sportsmark is awarded to successful secondary schools and Tapton School is the only non-special secondary school in Sheffield to have received the award. Tapton has met the targets for the number of pupils taking part in inter school competition, participating in sports clubs links and for pupils involved in sports leadership. Very well done to both schools and to the staff and pupils in achieving these Awards. There are so many activities taking place – Keep up the sport!



### **CONGRATULATIONS TO TWO YOUNG SPORTS STARS**

**You may have read in the local press that one of our Y8 pupils** was the first British girl to win a singles title in the Orange Bowl junior tennis tournament in Florida and **another Y8 pupil** has been training with the Great Britain Roller Hockey Squad and may get the chance to represent Great Britain at the World Championships in Detroit in July. Well done both of you. We're all very proud of you.



### **CONGRATULATIONS PHYSICS OLYMPIANS**

Several Tapton students took part in the 2007 British Physics Olympiad which is a national competition for A2 level or equivalent students, run by the Institute of Physics . The Round 1 paper is mailed to all UK schools early in September. Those students that excel in this paper are encouraged to enter Round 2. This more challenging paper, taken by just 1,000 students, is marked at Olympiad Headquarters. Four students from Tapton excelled not only in Round 1 but also Round 2 and will receive the following awards:

2 Students - Bronze I 2 students - Bronze II

one of them also wins a book prize. Well done.



## **COME AND WARM UP THIS SATURDAY AT THE PTA BIG BAND NIGHT... 7.30 SCHOOL HALL**

Enjoy listening to the rich, invigorating sounds of live big band music. There's excellent food (included in the ticket price), a licensed bar, and a great atmosphere to dance the night away .. in any way you like! It's one of the best events of the year. Come with some friends. It's just £9.50, including a meal and there's a licensed bar. **Have you got your tickets?**



## **FUCHS FOUNDATION ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION CHARITY AUCTION**

As you know, Miss Hollinger is going to Antarctica in November 2007 with three other teachers from across the UK to undertake scientific research. To take part in the expedition she has to raise £10 000. As part of her fundraising, she is organising a charity auction for **Thursday 8 th March 2007 at Greens Health and Fitness, off Ecclesall Road** . The expedition marks the 50 th Anniversary of the first crossing of Antarctica by Sir Vivian Fuchs in 1957/58. The format of the evening will be a short talk by Peter Fuchs, son of Sir Vivian followed by the auction of various items donated by Sheffield and national businesses. Some of the items include a weekend break for two at the 4 star Macdonald St Paul's Hotel, singing lessons, Odeon Cinema vouchers, a rock climbing course, complimentary meals at some of Sheffield 's finest restaurants and many more. She is looking for donations of items so if you, or a business you know, would be prepared to donate something, please contact Miss Hollinger at school. In return, the Sheffield Telegraph has offered to advertise the event so contributors will get a mention. In the meantime, put the date in your diary. Tickets will go on sale in February and a list of items will be published in advance so if you can't make the evening you can still bid!



## **MORE ON HEALTHY SCHOOL**

Following our successful bid for Healthy School Status you can find out more about school initiatives by logging onto the website and looking at the Healthy School link which you will find under 'Events'. The Whole School Food Policy

will shortly be added for you to look at. If you have any suggestions to make please email [enquiries@taptonschool.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@taptonschool.co.uk) before February half term.



## **THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT ARE RUNNING EVENTS TO RECOGNISE NATIONAL BOOK WEEK**

Events will commence on Monday, 29 th January and are open to all pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9. The aim is to encourage more pupils to read in their spare time. We will start on Monday with a visit from local author 'Ceri Worman' who has published 3 children's books in her 'Jamie B' series: The Secret Life of Jamie B Superspy; The Secret Life of Jamie B Rapstar; The Secret Life of Jamie B Hero.com. Young people voted Jamie B Book of the Year in Nottingham and Leicester in 2006 so we hope the children will enjoy this experience. The books are mainly aimed at Y7 pupils and Ceri will talk to all classes in this year group about her writing . At the end of these sessions pupils will have the opportunity to ask questions and have books signed. Any other pupils from Y8 or 9 will have the opportunity to do this at lunchtime. A limited number of the 'Jamie B books will be on sale throughout the day, although we cannot guarantee there will be enough for every pupil who wants one. Pupils may bring their own copy if they have one.

Look out for posters around school for information about other events!



## **PTA LOTTERY WINNERS**

The following were winners for December: £30 Dawn Kilner £10 Judith Pyatt and £5 Jane Norbury

January: £10 Jean James and £5 M.E.Wright



## **RECYCLING AND HELPING OTHERS**

Green Team is starting a phone recycling project. The phones will be used to help people in developing countries and Green Team will receive money to fund future initiatives. If you have any old mobile phones lying around at home, bring them to Reception and they will be put to good use. For further information, look at the noticeboard in the foyer or go onto the Tapton website ( News and Events).

**We just need £103 to reach our target of £9000 for the Sponsored Walk – any more to come?**



## **OTHER COMING EVENTS**

Sat 27 th January

Mon 29 th January

Tues 30 th January

PTA Big Band Night 7.30 School Hall

Y11 Reports to Parents

GCSE Subject Choice Evening for Y9 Parents .. 7.30

	.. School Hall
Tues 6 th February	Y13 Parents' Evening .. 7.30 .. School Hall
Fri 9 th February	EARLY CLOSURE (2.30 p.m.) for Y11 Progress File Presentation
12 th – 16 th February	Half Term Holiday
19 th – 23 rd February	Y11 Maths Coursework



## **KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE**

The Sheffield Safeguarding Children Service have produced a new leaflet to ensure the general public, staff and volunteers are aware of how we can all help to keep children safe. They have asked that we issue the leaflets to each student, asking them to take them home for their parents/ carers. Please make sure you have received yours.



## **SPORTS REPORT**

### **Table Tennis:**

Congratulations to the U19 table Tennis Squad who represented the school in the Zonal Championships of the English Schools Team Championships at Bradford on Saturday. They went as South Yorks Runners up and managed to qualify for the Northern Finals to be held in Blackburn on Sunday 18 th February.

### **Sheffield Schools Cross Country Championships: City Finals**

Congratulations to the Tipton runners who took part in the City Championships on Saturday at Graves Park . All did exceptionally well with the school having three outright winners: the junior girls race, the Junior Boys title and the Intermediate Girls race.

The South Yorkshire Individual Championships takes place on 23rd February at The EIS. Anyone wishing to take part should see Mr Davis for an entry form.

### **Badminton:**

Many of our players are enjoying huge success playing not only for their school but for Sheffield, Yorkshire and in tournaments around the country:

- Rising star - one of our Y7s displayed huge talent to win the Nottingham Open U13 Singles Event, and only narrowly lost in the Doubles Final. She has been invited to play for her county and is a member of the Yorkshire Squad.
- In the U12 Novice Tournament for Yorkshire Schools, played in York ,two pupils reached the Finals of the Singles and partnered each other to reach the Finals of the Doubles. Both boys have been invited to join

the Yorkshire Training Squad. And in the Sheffield Schools U12 Tournament at Abbeydale, our Y7 players excelled themselves again and won the Boys Double Event and both reached the quarter finals in the Singles. Two pupils won the U12 Mixed Event. Emma reached the finals of the Girls Singles.

- two of our pupils played in the Under 13 Bronze Tournament at Gateshead at the weekend, with one of them reaching the final and the other knocked out in the semi final and then both boys joined up to finish third in the doubles competition.
- two of our pupils played in the U14 Inter-area for Sheffield and put in great performances to enable Sheffield to win.
- Congratulations also to two of our pupils in Y10 who competed for Sheffield in the Inter Area U16 Competition, and assisted Sheffield to victory.

Very well done to all our players on these superb results.

### **Sheffield Schools League Results**

U12 Boys v K. Edward WON 8 – 1 U12 Girls v K. Edward WON 6 – 3

U16 Girls v High School LOST 2 – 7 U12 Girls v High School LOST 1 – 8

U16 'A' Boys v Abbeydale WON 9 – 0 U16 'B' Boys v Abbeydale WON 6 – 3

### **Senior Boys Tennis**

Four of our pupils have won through to the Regional Tennis finals for Senior pupils. They have been playing regularly on Wednesday afternoons and have won all their fixtures. Good luck in the next round lads.

### **Football:**

Tapton Year 11 beat Stocksbridge 6 - 0 last Wednesday evening.

### **Lacrosse :**

Sheffield Steelers U12 had their biggest win of the season with a 27 – 6 demolition of Heaton Mersey Guild. Leading 12 – 2 at half time and 20 – 4 at three quarter time, no less than six Steelers players hit hatricks in the match.

### **Cheerleading**

It has finally started. Y8 – Wednesday lunchtime, Y9's Thursday lunchtime. We are hoping to start a Y10 group. Please see Mrs Riley for further details.

## **Saturday Morning Club**

Saturday club has started again for the New Year. Activities are Trampolining Football, Basketball and Badminton. There are a few places available, please contact Mrs Riley at Tapton.