

No 12 - 20th February 2008

Dear Parents, Staff, Governors and friends,



TWO COMING PTA EVENTS - THE TAPTON BRASS BAND CONCERT ON FRI 29TH FEB AND THE QUIZ NIGHT ON FRI 14TH MARCH

A feast of music with the outstanding Tapton Brass Band – three times in recent years the best school brass band in the country - plus soloists and a special slot at the start for the Tapton Big Band. Tickets £6.50 and £5. And, a fortnight later, a second chance this year to enjoy Mrs Hilton's famous Quiz Night. Bring a team - ask your friends – or just come along yourselves and we'll introduce you to some others. It's a really sociable occasion – fun but quite a contest. Excellent food - but no licensed bar - bring your own drink (and glasses). Tickets are £6 each, including food. Tickets £6. Please send ticket request with cash/cheque payable to Tapton School PTA to Mr Storer at school.

Could anyone help with refreshments on Parents' Evenings? It really is very sociable, and a chance to catch up with other parents! Please send a note with you name, phone, e-mail and the names and forms of your children in school to Mrs Anne Michael, c/o Mr Storer.

All the proceeds from PTA events go to help departments buy books and teaching equipment that they couldn't otherwise afford or to help young people through the Enterprise Award scheme. The school no longer has its own private funds nor can raise them through Tuck Shop or other activities, because of the PFI contract. We need the PTA to support us and we need you to support the PTA, please .



TAPTON SUPPORTING WESTON PARK HOSPITAL CANCER APPEAL

Over the next five weeks we have set each of our Y7 to Y11 tutor groups the challenge of raising £100 to support Weston Park . The project we are supporting is called “Survive and Thrive”. Cancer survival rates have increased rapidly recently due to better and earlier diagnosis and improved treatments. This project aims to support all cancer patients, including teenagers, during the time after their treatment is complete, helping them to get on with their lives in a constructive way. Please encourage your child to get involved in fundraising activities, individually, with friends or their form group. If each form reaches their £100 target we will have raised £4,000. On **Weds 19 th March** , Professor Barry Hancock , a chief oncologist at the hospital and an acclaimed researcher in this field, will deliver a lecture in the school hall at 7:00pm.



NATIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING WEEK 2008

Takes place this year from 7th – 16th March. A lot of lectures are taking place in school, giving our students the opportunity to hear about the latest advances in science and engineering from the experts in their field. We would like to invite you and your family to a couple of these events. The dates are:

Saturday 8 th March: 12:00 – 20:00 “Astro Day 2008”. Following last year's success, Sheffield Astronomical Society are staging another fun-filled, hands-on day. Come and visit Stardome, try out the telescopes, listen to lectures and enjoy refreshments. More details nearer the time. There's no charge.

Tuesday 11 th March: 19:00 – 20:00 “The Antarctic Experience”. Miss Hollinger and her amazing experience and photographs of the Fuchs Foundation Expedition to the Antarctic last term. She will tell you about the scientific research she carried out and its relevance to concerns over global warming.

Please come, and bring friends and neighbours. Help get Science and Engineering out into the community.



READATHON: FEB 25TH - MARCH 7TH

As 2008 is the 'National Year of Reading' the English department at Tapton have organised a readathon for years 7, 8 and 9 in aid of Western Park Cancer Appeal. This will take place for 2 weeks from Monday 25 th February to Friday 7 th March. Pupils will be given the opportunity to read as much as they can during 3 morning registration slots and during their private reading sessions as part of the regular English timetable. The student who reads the most books during this two week period will receive a prize and there will be other competitions taking place throughout the two weeks.



CHRISTIAN PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting will be Tues 4 th March, 8.00 p.m. 6 Hagg Lane . For further details contact Wendy on 263 0328.



OTHER COMING EVENTS

Thurs 21 st & Tues 26 th Feb	Y10& Y12 Engineering Visits to Jaguar Factory
Thurs 21st Feb	' Battle of the Bands' 7.00 – 9.00 School Hall. All welcome.
Mon 25th Feb	Y9 Reports to Parents
Tues 26th Feb	Y9 Parents Evening 4.30 – 7.00
Fri 29 th Feb	Y9 Options Form Returned
Tues 4 th March	Y7-8 Maths Fun Road Show
Weds 5 th March	Y13 Drama Performances
March 5 th & 6 th a.m.	Y11 Wealth & Poverty Conference
March 10-14	Science & Technology Week
Y8 Exams	
Tues 11 th March	Y12 Politics Trip to London
Tues 11 th & Thurs 13 th March	AS Drama Performances
Weds 12 th March	Y12 Parents Evening 4.30 – 7.00
Thurs 13 th & Fri 14 th March	Sociology Revision Conferences
Fri 14 th March	PTA Quiz Night 7.30 p.m.
March 17 th -19 th	6 th Form Charity Week
Tues 18 th March	6 th Form Charity Concert
Weds 19 th March	Y10 Reports to Parents
Last Day of Term for Students	
Thurs 20 th March	Staff Training Day
Mon 7 th April	First Day of Summer Term



SPORTS REPORT

Football: Sadly, the year 8 football team weren't quite able to beat the Northumberland champions, St Thomas Moore School Newcastle, going down 1-2 in an excellent game – but we're tremendously proud of them for getting so far in the competition – there will be other times.

Badminton : Congratulations to the students who played outstandingly in winning the Yorkshire U14 Mixed Championship - 9-0, 9-0, 9-0 **You can't get better than that!!**

Hockey: Matches start again this term. Team members should make sure they continue to attend practices, so that they know when all the games are (Practices – Mon, Tues, Weds 8a.m). Don't forget to get a sponsor form for the sponsored shoot.

Skiing: There are just **10 spaces left** for the 2009 Ski Trip. Most of the UK have the same February half term next year – hence the urgency in booking. Please see Mrs Hilton **a.s.a.p.** to avoid disappointment. Well done to all the students who went on this year's trip to Courmayeur. You conducted yourselves very well. Remember to collect your CD of photos from Mrs Hilton.