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Dear Parents, Staff, Governors and friends,



BOOK WEEK

If you love to devour a good book or just nibble at one from time to time, then this week is for you! Even if you're not really fond of books – you might still find something about book week that whets your appetite!

Book week starts on Monday, 7th April, during which a variety of events will take place on the English corridor and library... Why not drop by at lunchtime for a taste of what books really have to offer?

Book Week Events!!

- Book fair held in the library at lunchtimes – great range of fiction, non-fiction and stationery to choose from.
- Film adaptations of great novels shown in 106 and 107 at lunch times – bring your friends and maybe some popcorn!
- 'Design a National Book Tokens Card' national competition in 101 at lunchtimes – 1st prize includes £100 National book tokens; 2nd prize includes £50 National book tokens!!
- Year 8 'Great Read' competition in 104 on Wednesday lunchtime – teams of 3/4 required – put your team name down on the door if you want to compete for some 'sweet' prizes.
- A book swap in 106 during morning breaktimes – bring a book of your own (must be in good condition) and swap it for one you haven't read.
- Post a book report on camera in 109 and get a lolly pop – post it with a friend or by yourself if you're brave enough!!



MANY THANKS FOR YOUR CHARITY CONTRIBUTIONS

You have helped us raise over £7000 for Weston Park Hospital Cancer Appeal. **Remember Prof Barry Hancock is giving a lecture in school for all interested people on "Cancer: The Real Facts" tonight Weds 19 th March 7.00 – 8.00** Please try to come. And on Saturday (yes that's in the holidays!)

Saturday 22nd March It's the Definitive Duck Race of 2008 down the Porter in Endcliffe Park. Last year's winner, Quackerjack, will be returning with other old favourites such as Ducktor Who and Captain Quack Sparrow to win you prizes! Including a £20 Argos Voucher, a Signed Sheffield United Football and Sheffield Wednesday programme, a Free Meal Voucher for the Balti King in Broomhill and many more! On the day will be various stalls and games to play such as Beat the Goalie and Duck the 6 th Former, a Cake Stall, Face Painting and Bouncy Castle. **Bring the family!** You'd be quackers to miss it!



NANTES 2008

All I can say is invaluable! Being immersed in French was brilliant. My family were really accommodating and friendly, as were my employers. I enjoyed the freedom to meet up with friends for lunch, shopping etc. I felt a real sense of accomplishment. If I could survive (whilst enjoying myself) in a foreign country, what couldn't I do! If you're serious about French, it's a must! Elliot Jeffcock 13CM



OTHER COMING EVENTS

Weds 19 th March	Y10 Reports to Parents Last Day of Term for Students
Thurs 20 th March	Staff Training Day

Thurs 3 rd April
April 5-6
Mon 7 th April

D of E training walk
D of E training overnight camp
First Day of Summer Term



SPORTS REPORT

CrossCountry

Last Saturday saw the National Schools' Cross Country Championships held in Liverpool. Tapton had an unbelievable number of qualifiers from the South Yorkshire Schools' Championships held at The Hayfield Lakes Course in Doncaster last month. Six of our pupils managed to qualify for the event after their terrific efforts at Doncaster. All students performed brilliantly on the day with some excellent results. This provides testimony to their hard work and training schedules. All deserve much credit for their successes this year.

Sainsbury's School Sports Vouchers: Start Collecting

Once again the school is collecting the sports Vouchers being given out by Sainsburys. We have become reliant on these over the past few years to allow us to purchase additional equipment for our sports teams and PE Department. All pupils in school benefit from the proceeds of these vouchers so if you need to change your grocery allegiance for a few weeks then it will certainly make a big impact on the school's sports equipment. Collection boxes are in Reception or the PE Department. Start collecting now.

Football Results:

Y7 Tapton 4 Firth Park 1 Y8 cup Tapton 10 Notre Dame 0 Y8 Tapton 10 High Storrs 0

Y9 Tapton 2 King Ecgbert 1 Y10 cup Tapton 1 Wisewood 2 Y10 Bradfield 4 Tapton 3

The Y8 team were unlucky to lose in the National Schools' Cup, when they were narrowly beaten 2-1 by Thomas More RC School. It was a very close contest with the North East School just pipping us. They have since beaten the West Yorkshire Champions to reach the last four in the Northern Regional Section. We wish them all the best in their forthcoming match. All results can be seen on the English Schools' website ESFA.co.uk The Y8 team have now their sights on the cup and league double. They are due to play King Ecgberts in the cup semi final on March 17th and wait to hear who they play in the League Play off semi final to be played at Abbeydale School on Mon 7th April, 4.15 p.m. kick off.

Sheffield Federation for School Sport Website (sfss.co.uk)

A new website has been created recently through the Sheffield Federation for School Sport. This is an informative site with information and results about the competitive sports on offer in Sheffield Schools. This is regularly updated and gives dates for future competitions.

Tapton Ski Club

Last Friday saw the last Ski Club of the year. During the year we have introduced new boarders and skiers to a fantastic sport, with virtually all beginners moving onto the main slope with confidence. As usual our regulars from previous years have also made a high level contribution, and we have seen some spectacular falls. Many thanks to all the parents who have supported the club since September and to the few who were brave enough to join in the lessons!!!! Mrs Hilton is once again running a ski holiday in February 2009, with a few places still free. Lessons will begin once again in September for skiing and boarders alike. Many thanks to Mrs Hilton, Mr Hooper and Mr Haslingden for their contribution over the last seven months. 50+ pupils from years 7-13 have attended the club during the year, which adds up to 1000 lessons for Tapton pupils.

After Easter

New clubs will begin after Easter with the hope of a gorgeous summer. We should be running our regular clubs in cricket, athletics, rounders and tennis. Badminton and table tennis will continue in a morning at 8 a.m. and no doubt Mrs Hilton will still be on the astro doing Hockey.