



Dear Parents,

Strike Action

As you may be aware from the national news, many public sector unions; UNISON, UNITE, NAHT, NUT, ATL, GMB, and possibly NASUWT have voted to take industrial action on Wednesday 30th November. At this point I have not been informed that any staff at Mandeville will be joining the action and I anticipate that the school will be open as usual. If I am later informed that any staff intend to strike I will let you know the implications at the earliest opportunity.

A Message from the Chair of Governors:

At the end of October Lucy Pedder completed her 4 year term as a parent governor. Due to increased work commitments she decided that she did not wish to seek re-election. On behalf of the school and Governors I would like to express my thanks to Lucy for all her hard work over the past 4 years. She has made a valuable contribution as a governor and will be missed.

There was one nomination for Parent Governor. The governors would like to welcome Nicholas Pearson onto the Governing body. Nicholas is a father of 3 boys and one girl. Richard is in year 1, James is in Nursery and Isaac is due to join the school in 2013. As an IT director for a UK National Company, with commercial and business management experience I am sure he will be a very valuable member of the Governing Body and I look forward to working with him.

Rosemary Harrington-Lynn (Chair)

Parents Disabled Parking Bays

As you are aware, the school has allocated three parking spaces to disabled parents and visitors. A number of parents have noticed that these spaces, and on occasion all three spaces, are being used by non Blue Badge holders. This shows a complete disregard and lack of respect towards the disabled who truly need these to be available at all times. As a disabled parent I am politely asking that these spaces are only used by disabled people displaying a blue badge.

Mrs A , a disabled parent



Applications for Reception places in September 2012

If you have a child who was born between 1 September 2007 and 31 August 2008 you will need to apply for a place in Reception. You should have already received a leaflet from County asking you to apply. You can apply online at www.hertscountycouncil.org.uk. The closing date is 15th January 2012. Please note that Nursery children **must** to apply for a Reception place it is NOT an automatic transfer from Nursery to Reception. We are now arranging tours of the school. If you would like to book a place please contact the school office for further details. The dates are on Mandeville's website.

Christmas Lunch

Please return the reply slip for the children's Christmas lunch by the end of next week.



Sick Bugs

There are a number of bugs going around at this time of the year, please remember that if your child is ill they should not attend school for 24 hours after the last time they were sick. This helps us to prevent the spread of the infection.

Website photographs

As you may remember in Oct we had a photographer in school taking photographs of "life at Mandeville". The photos are excellent and now part of our website.

Internet survey

We are doing some important work to find out how many children have access to the Internet and how we can use this to help children learn. Please go to the website and complete the survey this weekend.



Lost Property

There is a huge amount of lost property held at the school. If you think your child may have some clothes in lost property please come in and take a look as at the end of each term we will emptying the lost property room and you will no longer be able to claim any items back.

Christmas Fair

There is only one more week to go to the Mandeville Christmas Fair – please keep your donations coming in! Thanks for all of the wonderful toys and books. We are still looking for mugs filled with goodies for the tombola and any bottles in sealed bags. There will be a cake stall as well so please bring any cake donations to the office on FRIDAY 25th NOVEMBER.



Amanda Godfrey
Headteacher

Diary for next week.....

Monday 21 st November	Art Club 3.15 – 4.15 Storytellers 3.15 – 4.15
Tuesday 22 nd November	Mobile Library 12.40 – 1.10 KS1 Singing Club 3.15 - 4.15 Elitebeats,
Wednesday 23 rd November	CC4B 12.15 – 12.45 1.30 – 3.00 Rugby Year 3/4 3.15 – 4.15 Tennis and Football Club, 3.15 – 4.15 Homework Drop In Club 3.15 – 4.15 Let's Get Cooking
Thursday 24 th November	Year 4 Cadbury World 8.30am Treasure Chest, 8.40 Shared Reading 9.15 Year 2 Robins Class Assembly 12.15 – 12.45 and 12.45 - 1.15 KS1 French Club 3.15 - 4.15 Gardening Club, 3.15 – 4.15 KS2 French Club 3.15 -4.15 Craft Club,
Friday 25 th November	Year 6 Hazard Alley CC4G 12.15 – 12.45 3.15 – 4.00 Choir