

UNO FORTH COMING EVENTS

L.A Bowl - an afternoon of fun bowling, Laser Quest and food. Meeting at 1 p.m. at school on Friday 22nd Dec.

Batley Bulldogs - bucket collection Tuesday 26th December. Meeting at 10.30 a.m. at Bulldog Stadium. Parents are needed to help and their reward is free entrance to the game!

Sainsbury's, Dewsbury - Bag packing Friday 29th 12 noon - 6 p.m. and Saturday 30th December 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Triathlon-Saturday 13th January. Start at school around 11 a.m.

Hanging Heaton Working Men's Club – Race Night on Saturday 27th January with the first race at 7.30 p.m. £2.00 admission including jacket potato supper. **NO PARENT NO ADMISSION.**

Dewsbury Town Centre - Marshalling Dewsbury Road Race - Sunday 4th February.

Dewsbury Rams Function Suite – Valentines Disco and Karaoke Saturday 17th February.



SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2006/2007

AUTUMN TERM 2006

	<u>School closes</u>	<u>Re-opens</u>
Christmas Break	Thursday 21 st December 2006	Monday 8 th January 2007

SPRING TERM 2007

Half Term Break	Friday 16 th February 2007	Tuesday 27 th February 2007
Easter Break	Thursday 5 th April 2007	Monday 23 rd April 2007

SUMMER TERM 2007

Half Term Break	Friday 25 th May 2007	Monday 4 th June 2007
Close For Summer	Friday 20 th July 2007	

School will also be closed on Monday, 7th May 2007 for May Day Bank Holiday.
During the year there are a series of staff training days. School will be closed to pupils on these days.

Friday, 22nd December 2006 (Pyramid INSET day)

Monday, 26th February 2007

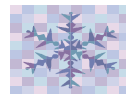
In addition to these dates 3 Pupil Review Days will be held when pupils will only be required to attend a short one 'to' one meeting with their form teacher.

Friday, 20th October 2006

Friday, 26th January 2007

Friday, 18th May 2007

December 2006



Dear Parents/Carers

This has been a long term, fifteen weeks in total, in which we have made progress in terms of planning for the future whilst celebrating current achievements.

The visit of Jim Knight MP, Minister of Education, with Shahid Malik MP enabled us to celebrate the opening of the Tom Kilburn Centre for Technology and also allowed our children to give their views on the impact of Government policy on their day to day lives. It was a very memorable day.

Looking ahead, the school show scheduled for the 7th, 8th, and 9th of February is in full rehearsal. Whilst further ahead we have to consider, as part of the Transformation agenda, the restructuring of the school day and the development of the school uniform. I will be writing to you regarding these issues in the New Year, along with a new initiative which is designed to address our only weakness identified by OFSTED - that of a relatively poor attendance record with over 10% of our pupils recording repeated absence. Clearly you as Parents and Carers have a major role to play in response to this problem.

On the staffing front, Mr P Grafton, long time servant of the school and community, will retire at the end of this academic year (more of that in the Easter Newsletter) and he will be replaced as Assistant Headteacher by Anne Lyons who was successful at interview last week.

Let me conclude by wishing you a peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year on behalf of all of us.

Paul Levey

For and on behalf of the Governors, Staff and pupils of our school



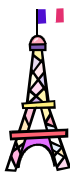
MOBILE PHONES

The policy of the school states that pupils are allowed to carry mobile phones in school but they must be switched off during all lessons. If, however, a pupil is discovered to have their phone switched on during lesson then the teacher will take it and give it to a senior teacher who will decide when to return the phone. Usually this will be at the end of the school day. Persistent offenders may find that the phone will not be returned until a later date or directly to a parent.

Mobile phones must not be used for taking photographs during lessons or of any incidents of bullying. In this case the phone will only be returned directly into the care of a parent and the offending images removed. Likewise if a student is found to be using their phone to text bullying or distressing messages then the phone will be confiscated and only returned to the care of a parent. In the worst cases of cyber bullying it may be necessary to inform the police.



DISNEYLAND PARIS TRIP



During the October half term break a group of 60 excited pupils and staff visited Disneyland and Paris. They screamed on the roller coasters, chased Mickey Mouse around the park and saw the Eiffel Tower at its romantic best, by moonlight! One of the teachers commented "The pupils we take on this trip are always a credit to the school and to their parents, but this group were the best ever. We are really proud of them." Places for the 2007 trip are currently being sold to years 7 and 8. See Miss Lyons if you are interested.



THE CLOTHES SHOW LIVE 2006

It was cold, dark and threatening to rain at 7.15 a.m. on Tuesday 5th December. There was, however, a feeling of excitement and anticipation as we waited patiently for the coach to take us to the NEC Birmingham for The Clothes Show Live show. All the pupils had chosen their outfits very carefully after many days or even weeks of discussion on the subject and they all looked fantastic!

The vast halls which housed the show had exhibits and market style stalls with lots of bargains, unusual clothing from 'chav' to 'punk' styles and everything between. There were beauty, hair and make-up sections, massage implements which looked inviting, and of course the college stands inviting students to get involved in a career in the fashion industry. Their fashion shows were out of this world.

Then came the Nokia Fashion Show, we had all been waiting for this, and it did not let us down. The choreography was unbelievable, the fashions were extravagant and the music was loud! In all, 48 pupils, mainly Year 10 textiles students, and 4 members of staff had an extremely enjoyable, exciting and tiring day and everyone asked if they could come again next year.

CRAGRATS THEATRE WORKSHOP

On Monday 16th October the CragRats theatre company came in to do a workshop with 11 of our Year 9 students. The aim of the session was to raise the students' awareness of the opportunities available to them when they leave school after completing Year 11.

COMINGS AND GOINGS

Following Mr Grafton's retirement, which will be just before the Summer holiday. Miss Lyons has been appointed as Assistant Headteacher/ Staff Tutor. Miss Lyons role will be to take charge of the in service training of members of staff as well as managing the Newly Qualified teachers and the Graduate Teacher Programme. She will also develop the school's Investors in People status as well as the day to day welfare of members of staff.

Mrs Moorhouse who is the schools' Librarian will be leaving us at Christmas. Farewell to her and good luck for the future.

Miss Healey one of our Language Teachers will also be leaving us to work at another school. We wish her all the best. She will be replaced by Mr Garnier.

We will have a new Head of Design & Technology called Mr Dipen Joshi.

There have also been two new Support Assistants join the school this half term, welcome to Mrs Suzanne Simpson and Mr Kieran Bourne.



ON CALL

After lengthy discussions with all the Year Councils and members of staff we have agreed to make some alterations to the sanctions attached to On Call. As you will be aware the On Call system operates when a student's misbehaviour during a lesson causes an interruption of the learning of others. A senior member of staff is called and the student is removed to the Isolation Room for the rest of the lesson. Starting from January 2007 the punishment for On Calls 1-4 will remain as a one hour detention after school. Failure to attend an On Call detention without permission will automatically move a student to the next On Call level.

However should a student reach On Call 6 then an automatic one day exclusion from school will be given. On reaching On Call 8 then two days exclusion from school will be given. At On Call 10 then a further two days exclusion will take place and a meeting between the Associate Headteacher, members of the Governing Body and parents will be called.

JEANS FOR GENES

On October 6th 2006 the school raised £703.86 to help thousands of children affected by genetic disorders. Thank you for all your contributions towards this worthwhile cause.

NEW ARRIVAL

Mrs Simoni has had an addition to her family, a bouncing baby girl arrived on 31st October 2006. Mother and baby are both doing well.