



Friday Flier

SPRING TERM

10th February 2012

Resource Management Group Report

There was feedback at the Class reps meeting earlier this term that many parents are uncertain about what the RMG is and does and about the way the School management structures are organised. I hope that the ongoing articles in the Flier are helpful in this respect, in addition to the information in the Parent Handbook. In future weeks there will be explanations of the role and work of the Trustees, College and RMG.

Here is an inkling of the work undertaken by some Mandate groups over the past couple of months:

- ♦ *Communications* is consulting on the new school brochure, supporting the Open tours with updated information and press packs and is working with a parent volunteer on a design for outdoor noticeboards for posting school news.
- ♦ *Premises* undertook work over the Christmas holidays including repairs to the windows and window fastenings to improve ventilation; a new kitchen for Mulberry Bush (in collaboration with parent volunteers) and is installing the new school signs. This mandate is also preparing cost breakdowns and detailed plans of the work required to restore the building, create a new Class 1 for next year and improve school facilities generally. Parent volunteer input will be

needed to achieve the aims for the summer work – watch this space!

- ♦ *The Parent Involvement Mandate* is coordinating workdays and this mandate is continuing to work closely with the Class reps to ensure that volunteering is as straightforward as possible and that parents understand how to get answers to their questions. (Look out for the new Parent Suggestion box coming soon...)
- ♦ Jane Gerhard and members of the *Finance and Business Planning Mandate* groups are working on a revised Business Plan to be drafted this term. The accounts are with the auditors and will be presented at the AGM at the beginning of the summer term.
- ♦ John Davies has been able to attend some recent meetings to give us feedback about events happening in the Nave and future requests for hiring the school spaces. He has met with the Health and Safety Mandate group to discuss updating risk assessments etc.

It would be great to hear from you if you are interested in coming along to a meeting and getting involved -we meet once a month during term time: next meeting *Thursday 9th February at 7pm.*

Caroline McDonald Chair- RMG

Dates for your diary

The FULL school calendar is available on our website:

www.stpaulssteinerschool.org/?page_id=9

February

Wednesday 8th Class VIII Project Presentation 7pm

Thursday 9th Term Ends, RMM 7PM

Friday 10th Inset Day **no school for children**

Monday 20th Term re-commences

Friday 24th Parents' study group 8:45am

Tuesday 21st Carnival

Saturday 25th Jumble Sale 10am, Parents' work day

March

Friday 2nd, 9th Parents' study group 8:45am

Thursday 15th March RMM 7pm

School News

Term Dates for Next Year 2012 -2013

Autumn Term

Monday 3rd – Weds 5th September Inset/workdays
Tuesday 4th Opening Festival KG 7.30pm
Thursday 6th September Term starts
Friday 26th October Term ends
Monday 29th – Friday 2nd November Half Term
Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th November Inset days
Wednesday 7th November Term re-commences
Friday 30th November Spiral – Classes
Sunday 2nd December Spiral – KG
Wednesday 19th December KG end of term: Christmas Festival
Thursday 20th December Term ends: Festival at 11am

Spring Term

Monday 7th January Term starts
Thursday 14th February Term ends
Friday 15th February Inset day – no school for children
Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February Half Term
Monday 25th February Term re-commences
Wed 27th March KG end of term: Easter Festival
Thursday 28th March Term ends: Festival at 11am

Summer Term

Mon 22nd and Tue 23rd April Inset day
Wednesday 24th April Term starts
Monday 6th May Bank Holiday
Friday 24th May Term ends
Monday 27th – Friday 31st May Half Term
Monday 3rd June Term re-commences
Thursday 11th July KG end of term: Festival
Friday 12th July Term ends: Festival at 11am

Fees due 1st April

Important reminder to termly payers of school fees, and those intending to leave St Paul's at the end of the Summer term of 2010/2011. Parents who have opted to pay their fees on a termly basis are respectfully reminded that the Summer instalment for 2010/2011 is due on 1st April 2011. Please ensure that you give your child's name as reference. This is also the final date for giving written notice of your intention to withdraw your child(ren) from St Paul's at the end of the current academic year, if you wish to avoid incurring a terms fees in lieu of notice. Notice should be handed into the school office accordingly.

Dressing up for Carnival Day

After the very beautiful and quiet but hopeful Candlemas we will change the mood for a day. Before Lent, which begins the countdown for Easter (40 days), we will have a **carnival**. The Carnival will be on Tuesday, after the half term break. Every child will come in costume from the beginning of the day. Each class has a theme:

Class I: Fairy tale characters
Class II: Fable animals
Class III: Farmers
Class IV: Vikings
Class V: Egyptians
Class VII: King Arthur characters
Class VIII: tbc

We will also have a pancake lunch in the Hall, where all the classes will eat at the same time. All classes are to organise their pancakes, fillings and drinks.

The wonderful Candlemas could not have happened without the help of Deborah, Caroline, Nicoletta, Primrose, Camilla and Michael. Thank you. It is at the festivals that the strength of St Paul's community really shows.

