

### Welcome to the TGPS Newsletter

#### CALENDAR

##### Academic Year 2011 – 2012

##### Autumn Term 2011

Term Starts: Wednesday 7.9.11  
 Half Term: 24.10 – 28.10.11  
 End of Term: Friday 16.12.11  
 (12.30pm finish)

##### Spring Term 2012

Term Starts: Tuesday 10.1.12  
 Half Term: 13.2.12 – 17.2.12  
 End of Term: Friday 30.3.12  
 (12.30pm finish)

##### Summer Term 2012

Term Starts: Tuesday 17.4.12  
 Half Term: 4.6.12 – 8.6.12  
 Whole School Assembly  
 Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July (12.30 finish)  
 Activity week: 9.7.11 – 13.7.11  
 End of Term: Friday 13.07.12



#### Sensational Songfest

Mrs. Banfield would like to apologise straight away if the choir are still singing strange phrases about “penalties for improper use” and “Ken and Barbie-ques”. The 31 pupils from Year 4 to 6 are still on a bit of a high after a wonderful day of workshops and performance at the SATIPS Songfest on Tuesday. An early start didn’t dampen the spirits at all, and after early refreshments from our very kind hosts Bromsgrove School, the choir were straight into action with the workshop leaders, composers Lin Marsh and Alexander LeStrange. Singing styles varied from South African folk, through American Spiritual and 20<sup>th</sup> Century musical to Beatboxing, and the children learnt six new songs without a lyric sheet in sight. Incredible! Our children’s enthusiasm and concentration was first class, and Mrs. Korcz and Mrs. Banfield were very proud of the way they conducted themselves.

It seemed that whenever energy levels flagged, Bromsgrove School had more supplies of cake and squash to see us through, and having seen the amazing creations prepared for the parents who

came to listen to the end of the day concert, I would heartily recommend anyone who feels they can make the journey next year, to do so. When choir reconvened on Wednesday morning, Dr. Williams commented that he could tell immediately it had been an excellent workshop, and the children were thrilled to perform for him an acapella version of a beautiful spiritual they had learnt. All in all, it was an inspirational and exciting day for all of us. Can’t wait for Christmas!



#### Ward Hendry Photograph Collection

You should have received a copy of your child’s/children’s photographs proofs this week. I have extended the return date for you, to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2011 due to the half-term holiday. Mrs. Abbs  
**School Fire Practice – Message to Parents**

If you hear the fire alarm sound at school, please could you ensure that you remain in the car park and do not enter the school premises. Any children at school whatever time of day, will follow the school procedures and will line up on the school field with their teacher. Thank you for your co-operation in this important matter.

#### Important Reminders

##### Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011

Term Starts

9am Shoe Box Appeal Assembly

##### Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Inter-House Recitation

##### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

U-10/U-9 Rugby v Brooke Priory (h) 3.30pm

U-11/U-10 Netball v Brooke Priory (h) 3.30pm

##### Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November

Year 1 and 2 “Making It” Science visit 10am – 2.30pm

##### Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November

Under 11 Netball Tournament @ Laxton

##### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November

Music Machine Rehearsal @ TGPS



## Cool Cats Uniform Supplier

The link for Cool Cats uniform supplier has been added to TGPS website. If you access the Uniform & Equipment heading on the home page, there is a direct link to the Cool Cats website.

## October Half-Term

### Camp

Places are available for our half-term camp. If you would like your child to attend please return your completed form and cheque to the school office.

## The Soul Train arrives at TGPS

We made it to the half term break in style today, when the boys of the King's School Soul Band came in for a morning of workshops and a lunchtime concert. Teacher Matt Lond and the students (including two former TGPS pupils) patiently spent a couple of hours with 7 TGPS pupils from Year 5 and 6, before putting on a foot-tapping performance, in which our boys joined. They even got us all singing along to "Don't Stop Believin" from Glee. We are extremely grateful to Matt and all the boys for giving up their time..... especially as it was actually a day off for the King's students. It was certainly a wonderful experience for the musicians who took part, and for the rest of the school who found it very hard not to get up and dance.



### update ...

Dates for your diary – please do come and join us if you can:

**Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>** 9am at school, meeting to discuss ongoing fundraising and activities.

**Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>** decorating at ChristChurch, Finkin Street, time tbc.

**Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>** decorating school hall for Christmas disco & grotto, 9am.

Just to let you know that we thought we'd look at an event which involves the children rather than a ball to celebrate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary – this idea will be discussed further at the next meeting.

All of the EYFS Unit were delighted when "Baby Harry" Lawrence visited us for a whole hour a few weeks ago. Ceris was very much the proud big sister & she loved showing Harry off to her friends! Ceris' Mummy kept us all entertained with funny videos and photos of Baby Harry. We learnt all about Harry's development thus far and we couldn't believe how big Harry has grown since he was born. Thank you so much for visiting us, Harry, please come & see us again soon!



I am delighted to announce that Mrs. Abbs has gained a certificate in school administration (with credit) in her own time. Mrs. Abbs is invaluable, performing any task with a smile; and is always courteous and persistent when required! We are very fortunate that she is a dedicated member of our school team. The qualification has enabled her to consider many different aspects of school administration and whether any particular areas can be improved so that the school as a whole benefits from a more organised and efficient process. Congratulations Mrs. Abbs from all at TGPS.

## Music Lessons with Mr. Wilson

Music Lessons with Mr. Wilson will begin week beginning Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2011. The next Wind Band practice session is on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 8.30am start.

