

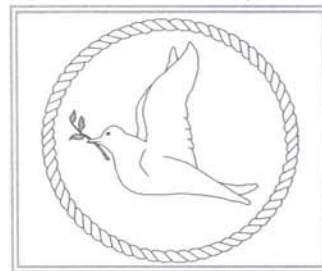
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**Transition Newsletter - May 2009**

*For all Parents/Carers, Staff and Governors at  
Rose Hill, Peacefield and The Dale Primary Schools*

**Please remember to share a copy of this newsletter with your childminder.**

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**Reminder of group members...**

**Parent Governor representatives:**

**Julie Ramsbottom, Peacefield**  
**Karen Dooley, Rose Hill**  
**Libby Reeve, Rose Hill**  
**Meryl Blackburn, The Dale**  
**Phillip Mills, Peacefield**  
**Simon Sheard, The Dale**

**Headteachers:**

**Anne Gill, Peacefield**  
**Joyce McClusky, The Dale**  
**Lynn Bragg, Rose Hill**

**Council Officers:**

**Moira Rayner, Link Adviser**  
**Michelle Booth, Project Officer**

**Thank you messages...**

**Thank you! To everyone who responded to the school uniform consultation. The response date was after the TWP meeting, so we will provide the outcome as soon as possible.**

**Thank you! To The Dale Primary School for hosting the quiz night on 24 April... as well as to everybody who attended and made it a fun evening for all.**

**Thank you! To all the pupils who have submitted entries for the school badge competition.**

**What's been happening...**

## **TWP MEETING**

The latest meeting of the Transition Working Party (TWP) took place on Thursday 30 April 2009.

## **SCHOOL BUILDING DESIGN UNDERWAY**

A second meeting has taken place to progress the design for the new school building. The focus of the session was to think about the internal layout of the building.

We will be consulting with the wider group of parents, staff and local residents to see what you think towards the end of June and hope that you will be able to come along and let us have your views on the initial plans for the building.

## **STAFF RECRUITMENT**

We had hoped to let you know the outcomes of the staff recruitment in this edition however the recruitment process is still underway. We will let you know in June which staff will be working at the school from September, along with details of teaching groups.

## **Your questions revisited... and some new questions and answers too...**

### **HOW WILL THE CLASSES BE ORGANISED?**

Class organisation will be confirmed to everyone in June. This will include a list of pupils in each class and which teachers will be leading the classes. As confirmed previously, the classes will be organised according to age as this is the most fair and practical way.

### **WHAT WILL THE START AND FINISH TIMES BE?**

Based on feedback from the school opening times consultation, we can now confirm that School opening times will be:

**Key Stage 2: 8:40am to 3:05pm**

**Key Stage 1: 8:50am to 3:15pm**

Please note that the school doors will open **5 minutes before** opening times and **staff will be available** to receive the children.

### **WHAT WILL THE SCHOOL UNIFORM BE?**

As indicated above, we have received feedback from some parents about the school uniform colour but we had not received all responses by the time the TWP meeting took place.

We do already know that a lot of you would like to see sweatshirts and fleeces included as part of the uniform and will confirm all the items and colour in a few weeks' time.

Please note that the agreed school uniform will need to be worn from the first day of term in September 2009.

### **WHAT ABOUT OUR OLD SCHOOL UNIFORMS?**

There will be a school uniform collection during the first week of term in September 2009. All uniform items will be given to charity. Please ensure that they are washed and folded when you bring them to school.

### **WHAT ABOUT BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL PROVISION?**

Marple Childcare Company can offer places from 7.30am until school start time and from school closing time until 6pm. Full details will be posted to all parents/carers from Marple



Childcare Company. However, in the meantime, you can contact Marple Childcare Company direct on 0161 427 3686 or 0161 427 1352.

### **WHAT ABOUT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS?**

Clubs and activities will still be available for everyone. The types of clubs change from term to term, so a list of available activities will be shared in September.

### **WHAT ABOUT A WALKING BUS SCHEME?**

Based on your feedback we are currently considering whether we will be able to establish a walking bus scheme and will let you know when we are able to confirm any details.

### **WILL THERE STILL BE FUNDING FOR THE NEW BUILDING?**

Some of you have voiced concerns about whether money will be available to pay for the new school building given the current economic climate. The Council uses a number of sources to fund building work including grants, supported borrowing and capital receipts. The Council will set aside sufficient funding from these various sources to ensure that the new school building can be completed.

## **How else you can get involved...**

### **INDUCTION DAY FOR PUPILS**

When pupils prepare to go to secondary school, induction days are held so that they can visit their new class room and meet new classmates.

We will hold a similar event on Thursday  
02/07/09.

### **OLD SCHOOL UNIFORM HAND-IN**

First week of September term  
07/09/09 – 11/09/09

### **SUMMER FAIR**

Rose Hill Primary School  
Friday 10/07/09 – 5.00 to 7.30pm  
All parents and carers are invited to attend!

### **PARENTS' INDUCTION**

The Dale Primary School  
Monday 15/06/09 – from 6.30pm  
For September Reception Class intake

As well as regular newsletters, don't forget to look at the website. You can link to the pages via your school's website, or go direct to: [www.stockport.gov.uk/have\\_your\\_say](http://www.stockport.gov.uk/have_your_say)

### **Listening to you...**

Don't forget, we still want to hear your views! We have to bear in mind that people often have differing opinions about the same issue. The group will therefore make sure views are fairly represented. All decisions taken by the school will need to be made bearing in mind practicality and fairness. We will try to be as clear as possible about why decisions have been taken.

We understand we cannot meet the needs of every parent and carer, but we will consider your views and act on them wherever possible and practical. Let us know if you have any questions, concerns or ideas by emailing [schools.organisation@stockport.gov.uk](mailto:schools.organisation@stockport.gov.uk), or by letting your school know.