



Town Wide Consultation - your ideas and opinions are needed!

Spring Term 2008

25th February 2008

Dear Parents

Transforming Primary Education in Hartlepool.

Before the half term break you received three booklets about the Primary Capital Programme aimed at transforming schools

Your opinions and ideas are needed and are important in helping to plan the future of all our Primary schools in Hartlepool

We want schools to be able to

- play a new role at the heart of their community;
- offer twenty first century learning facilities making the most of new technologies;
- provide quality school environments which provide better personalised learning opportunities and deliver world class standards;
- place families at the centre of excellent integrated services for the benefits of their children; and
- prepare children for their secondary education.

A number of meetings are being held across the town—a meeting for residents in the Owton Manor Area will be held in Owton Manor Community Centre on 13th March 9.15—10.45 a.m.

You are invited and encouraged to return the red consultation booklet to Local Authority so that your views can be heard before options are prepared for a further stage of consultation.

As an alternative to the local meetings I am happy to meet parents and local stakeholders to discuss any of the information provided and give support with the consultation responses on **Monday 3rd March at 2.00 p.m. in the Community Room at Grange Primary School.**

Louise Conway

Diary Dates

Open evenings will be held week of 3rd March—please return your appointment slips as soon as possible to your child's teacher.

School Council News

The school council are organising an afternoon of sporting fun on Friday 14th March to raise funds for **Sports Relief**. 50p minimum donation for each child to take part.

Out of Hours Childcare
Are you a working parent?

Do you need childcare provision before or after the school day?

We are interested in further developing out of school care on offer to parents in the Owton—Grange area. Please fill in the information below and return to the school office. Cross out any statement which does not apply

I am interested in accessing childcare provision before school

Number of hours?.....from -to
Which days ? Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri

I am interested in accessing childcare provision after school

Number of hours?.....from -to

Which days ? Mon Tues Wed Thurs Fri

My child isyears of age

- I would like to use services based in Grange Primary School.
- I would consider using services of another local provider
- I already access childcare provision.

Further comments or information

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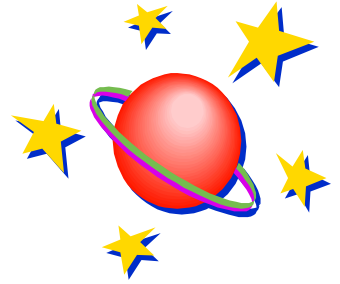
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Address.....

Tel. no. Thank you

Science week 2008

Following last year's very successful Science Week we will be holding our second event from 25th February – 29th February.



The Mad science professors will be presenting two special Workshop based assemblies for pupils on Monday 25th. .

The week will be full of activities for all of the children and is designed to show how exciting Science can be—as well as developing their skills as young scientists.

Topics to be covered include

Materials - workshop on materials. In class investigations about making an umbrella for teddy! Foundation Stage

Forces -In class investigating how forces affect our lives and how we can use force to be creative —Year 1

Electricity - . In class investigations around the uses of different types of electricity Year 2

Friction - Mad Science present a workshop on friction. In class the children will be looking at what causes friction and how it can be used to help us. Year 3 & 4

Air – the children will be conducting lots of exciting experiments about the air around us - Year 5

Life processes and Living Things— investigating a bio degradable materials and food chains in a pond.—venue Rossmere Park - Year 6



Light and Shadow – making shadow puppets and lots more !

The week will end with a celebration of work in assembly on Friday 29th Feb .

School Council Update

Mobile Phones Thank you for contributing your old mobile phones—to date we have collected over 300! They have been sent away, prizes should be here soon after half term. We may collect again at a later date.

School ink cartridges are also being sent for recycling.

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Transforming schools meeting—2.00 p.m. Monday 3rd March

Easter Coffee Morning

You are invited to join us to view the Easter competition entries in school on Thursday 20th March

Easter weekend

School is closed on 21st & 24th March for the Easter weekend—children return on Tuesday 25th March—term ends on Friday 4th April.

Summer term resumes on 21st April

RNLI—Appeal

Thanks for your support for the RNLI charity appeal. The school raised £100 .

The camera club visited the Lifeboat Station—here are some of the images they captured.



We learnt about taking portrait and landscape photos—as well as composition



The crew wear special equipment such as wet suits, life jacket, helmets and boots

The crew are all volunteers—that means they do not get paid.



One of the crew showed us how a flare lights up, this would be used to show the position of a boat in danger or distress

