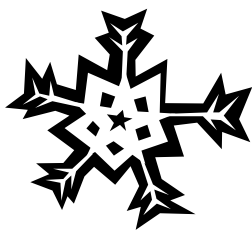


Dorothy Goodman School



WINTER NEWSLETTER 2009



Head's & Deputy's News

A busy term, a very busy term - new pupils, new staff, and lots to do. Developments at Redmoor (one of the new classrooms is now open and the other is due to open ready for January); developments at Richmond (where the new building is just starting to take place and where, as you will remember, we are getting two new classrooms); building developments on both our Upper and Lower Sites.

We have too had to think very hard this term about our arrangements for Safeguarding your children, as you will know all schools have had to do from things that you will have read and heard in the news.

This has all given us cause to think about what kind of school we are - what is it that is at the heart of what we do - and always will be at the heart of what we do for as long as either I or Mrs. Hewitt are here! In amongst all the exciting things that are going on, and all the things that we are building, what is that we as a school stand for?

This is what we think:

We are committed to giving each individual pupil here the best education we possibly can

It doesn't matter to us what difficulties children have - what we are interested in is the positive - what can they do and what can we help them to achieve?

We adapt what we do to meet the needs of our children

We believe that if children with learning difficulties are to learn then they need adults to teach them

We are committed to working with parents, and to supporting and helping parents in any way we can

We believe in being friendly and helpful, and you should feel that atmosphere as you walk into the school

We are part of the local community, and wish our students to take a full part in that community when they leave school

We would be interested to hear your thoughts on that if any of you would like to let us know.

It is almost Christmas, and we hope you have a wonderful holiday. If you have any questions or problems over the holiday period, please ring and leave a message on the school ansaphone and someone will get back to you:

01455 634582

We do have people in and out the whole time.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS to you all and a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Tony Smith (Head Teacher)

Debra Hewitt (Deputy Head Teacher)



School News in Brief

Julie Hargraves

As you read this Julie Hargraves, who worked as a teacher in post-16 on our Upper Site, will have left us to go back into lecturing at a local FE College. We have been delighted to have Julie here for the last four years - she has done a fantastic job for us, and has been a wonderful member of the team.

However, we understand fully that she has always had a desire to return to FE at some point, and so - reluctantly! - we have had to accept her resignation. Her place will be taken next term by Mrs. Jo Linwood.

Policies

Just a reminder to all parents that you can get the school's up-dated policies, including the Child Protection Policy, from our Web Site:

www.dorothygoodman.co.uk

Also on there you will find other up-dated information, e.g. about the school's achievements, forthcoming dates, photos of the new builds etc..

If any of you do not have internet access but would like to view the site then please let us know and we can arrange for that to happen in school.

Governor News

Governors have recently completed a Safeguarding check of the school's arrangements, and also an audit of the school's

provision for pupils who are Looked After. Governors have also reviewed:

Our provision for Early Years children

Our post-16 provision

The two classes at Redmoor and how they work

My belief is that Governors were impressed with what they saw!

**DOROTHY GOODMAN SCHOOL
HOLIDAY LIST**

ACADEMIC YEAR 2009/2010

AUTUMN TERM

School Closes Friday evening 18th December 2009

SPRING TERM

School Opens Tuesday morning 5th January 2010

Mid-term break Monday 15th to Friday 19th February 2010

School close Friday evening 26th March 2010

SUMMER TERM

School opens Monday morning 12th April 2010

May Day Monday 3rd April 2010

Mid-term break Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2010

School closes Friday evening 16th July 2010

ACADEMIC YEAR 2010/2011

AUTUMN TERM

School Opens Thursday 2nd September 2010

Mid Term Break Monday 18th to Monday 25th October 2010

School Closes Tuesday 21st December 2010

SPRING TERM

School Opens Thursday 6th January 2011

Mid Term Break Monday 21st to Friday 25th February 2011

School Closes Friday 15th April 2011