

# Linaker Newsletter

Linaker Primary School  
and Children's Centre



September 2007 Edition

## **New Bike Store and Arrangements ...**

Our new bike store will be fully operational as of Tuesday 11th September. The new bike store will be fully covered and will be locked throughout the day. The Governors met in July and agreed the following rules for those children wishing to bring bikes to school :

Permission will only be given to the following :

- (a) Year 6 children who have passed their Cycling Proficiency
- (b) Children who are accompanied by a suitable adult who escort them to school and accept responsibility for their well-being whilst on public highways

These are the conditions upon which a permit will be granted :

- ✍ The bike is in a roadworthy condition –
- ✍ Frame is the appropriate size
- ✍ Pedals are in place
- ✍ Brakes are working
- ✍ Wheels are in good condition e.g. no missing spokes, not bent
- ✍ Tyres are roadworthy e.g. not worn
- ✍ Reflectors are in place and not obscured
- ✍ That a bicycle helmet is worn when traveling to and from school
- ✍ That a lockable chain is provided for each bike
- ✍ That the bicycle is dismantled when entering the school premises and that thought is given to other road / pathway users

Please note that from now on, no other forms of transportation will be allowed in school e.g. skateboards, scooters etc. Parents who wish their child to come to school on a bike, must apply for a school bike permit. Forms are available from the school office.



## **International School Award 2007-2010**

We are pleased to announce that we have been awarded the British Council's School Award. The award recognises schools who have a strong international dimension to their curriculum and bring a global perspective to school life. The award is given for a three year period. Well done to all those who contributed to our achievement of this award.

## **Congratulations !**

To all our Year 6 children that left in the summer. This summers Key Stage 2 SAT results were the best we have ever had. Thanks go to all the staff who worked hard to ensure this success was achieved.

## **International Matters ....**

This year we will once again be welcoming two Foreign Language Assistants to the school. Malgorzata Kloda from Poland will be joining us in October for three months, generally assisting around the school and the Children's Centre. Lara Fernandez from Madrid in Spain will be joining us in October and will be teaching Spanish throughout years 3, 4 and 5. I am sure you will welcome them warmly to our school community!



**Do we have all your up to date details ?**  
**Have you changed mobile numbers ?**  
**Are the emergency contact numbers we hold still correct ?**  
**Please remember to let the school office know if anything changes !**

## **Secondment ...**

The Governors are pleased to announce that Mr Coleman has been seconded by Sefton MBC this year to work in the Directors office assisting the Council on a number of it's strategic goals, including the establishment of more Children's Centres within the borough. This means that he will be out at least one day a week, possibly more, throughout the year. During that time his routine duties will be covered by Mrs Brown (Deputy Headteacher).

## **Can You Help ?**

For a long time now our children have enjoyed having toast during a couple of playtimes in the week. Unfortunately, due to a variety of reasons the volunteers who have done this for many years may not be able to continue. If you could spare a few hours once a week then please let Mrs Brown know. Volunteers would of course need an enhanced CRB check.

## **NEWS ... In Brief**

✍ At the end of last year we said goodbye to Miss Molyneux (who was retiring) and Mrs McBryde who is emigrating to Australia. We wish them both well as they begin their new lives.

✍ We welcome this term some new staff - Miss Henshall (Year 1), who is covering for Mrs Struttons maternity leave, and Ms Burgess (Year 4) who is covering Mrs Thomas maternity leave.

✍ The school website complete re-design is nearing completion and should be available within the next few weeks. The new look provides a smarter more accessible website and should be a real improvement on the previous one. The existing one still remains there, but please remember that it is out of date in parts.

## **Important : Date Reminders**

### **Half Term Holiday**

**We finish on Thursday 18th  
October at the usual time  
and return on  
Monday 29th October  
Christmas Holidays '07  
The school and nursery  
(NOT paid childcare) will be  
close for Christmas  
holidays on Friday 21st  
December at 1.30pm  
and return on  
Wednesday 2nd January**