



NEWSLETTER No. 5 - 15th March 2008

SPRING CONCERT

As you probably know by now, we have decided to cancel the Spring Concert which was originally scheduled for tonight. Not enough of our groups expressed interest in taking part so rather than have a very short Concert those groups who were going to play will now be in the Summer Concert along with other groups. You may like to make a note in your diaries now that the **Summer Concert** is on **Saturday 21st June** and will be in the afternoon, probably starting at 2.30pm, although we haven't confirmed the times yet.

FIRE BELL TESTING

Unfortunately we are back in the situation we had a few months ago that the fire bells and smoke detectors are being tested each Saturday morning. I am not happy about this and am speaking to Mitie, who look after the building services, to try and get the testing stopped when we are here. However, in the meantime, please ignore any fire bell that only rings for a few seconds. In the event of a "genuine" alarm this will be a continuous ringing.

A couple of weeks ago when we did evacuate the building after the bell had gone off unexpectedly a number of issues became apparent:

1. The gates from the centre circle (the Forum) were closed barring access to the fire meeting point (the Sports Courts). This has now been sorted and the gates will be open each week.
2. Some classes evacuated via the Forum. Please note that the fire exits are at the FAR END of each corridor, not the doors into the central Forum. Signs have been put up over the central exits by the school but these are not the official fire exits for us.
3. Some pupils left the site as it was near the end of their classes. This causes problems if we check the registers as they would appear to be still inside the building. If you are going to leave the site you must let your teacher know so that you can be marked appropriately on the register.

To summarise, in the event of an evacuation of the building, you must exit from the doors furthest from the central Forum and assemble inside the Sports area. Pupils in the hall should leave by the side doors and the Jazz Orchestras should leave by the door next to the toilets. Any pupils or parents in the Snack Bar should exit across the central Forum and also assemble in the Sports area. Do not leave the site unless you tell your teacher and do not re-enter the building until you are told to do so by a staff member.

SNACK BAR

The new Snack Bar is now working very well although we could still do with some more offers of help, especially between 11.15am and 11.45am. If there is any chance you can help please fill in the slip below and return it to the Music Centre office.

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NLMC Snack Bar Help

Name

Telephone number

Time available from to

Please let us know whether you are available every week or just some weeks:

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MUSIC CENTRE SHOP and OFFICE

Please note that after Easter we will only be opening the shop between 9.30am and 12noon. If you require music books or spare reeds, etc, please buy them during this time. If you need a book before 9.30 please buy it the previous week.

The office may be manned all morning but, again, please try and visit between 9.30 and noon as the office staff have other duties outside these times.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 12th April..... Music Centre restarts after Easter

Saturday 21st June Summer Concert

Saturday 28th June..... EXTRA meeting to replace cancelled 22nd September meeting

This will be an Open Morning - parents, friends, etc welcome to attend

More details nearer the time

Saturday 13th September Enrolment Day (to be confirmed)

Saturday 20th September First day of new year (to be confirmed)

Saturday 13th December..... Christmas Concert and last day of term (to be confirmed)

Saturday 13th December..... Carols at Thorner Village

Sunday 14th December Carols at Oakwood Clock

EASTER HOLIDAY

Don't forget we are closed for the next three weeks for Easter.

We re-open on Saturday 12th April.

Have a great Easter break, see you in April.

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