



# Update

Spring Term 1

January 2011

## Welcome Back

Happy new year and welcome back to a very quick start. The Pantomime was well received by the children. Thank you for the rapid return of permission slips which made it possible to manage on the first day back.

Next week there are parents evenings and we all look forward to seeing you.

**School Travel Plan:** In 2006, Highfield Primary School produced a School Travel Plan to set out how the school community intends to play its part in reducing unnecessary car travel for the school journey and promote more sustainable and healthy travel.

Since producing the original School Travel Plan, the school has conducted reviews and regularly monitored and updated the aims and objectives of its School Travel Plan. The current revised document updates the School Travel Plan to fully conform to Quality Assurance Advice and also analyses new travel survey data.

**Objective 1:** Improve road safety on all routes to the schools used by pupils

**Target:** Implement road safety measures around the school

**Objective 2:** Decrease number of pupils using cars to travel to school

**Target:** To reduce the number of pupils who are driven to school, who live within a 0.5 mile radius, from 16.98% to 13% within 3 years.

**Monitor and review:** Monitoring will be done during Sustainable Schools Group (SSG) meetings and by a 'Snapshot' School Travel Survey undertaken each year to monitor any changes in travel behaviour. At this review further developmental tasks and/or new initiatives will be agreed with the group for the following year. The Governors of the school will receive an annual report and Southampton City Council sustainable travel department will monitor the progress of the School Travel Plan as part of their city review. The SSG will provide the school community with regular updates on the progress of the School Travel Plan and travel issues via the Update.

## Flu

The flu season is back. Please remember past advice including hand washing, disposal of tissues and general hygiene. The school will follow guidance issued by the Health Protection Agency. For more information on swine flu call the national information line on 0800 1 513 513. Alternatively, visit the Health Protection Agency website at [www.hpa.org.uk](http://www.hpa.org.uk).

## New Years Resolutions

This is the time of year for new resolutions so I wondered if I could suggest a few:

- Dinner money to school on Monday, with correct amounts and, if possible, cheques
- Trip money returned with slips and on time.
- All payments to be made via the classrooms in marked and named envelopes.
- Changes of address- please let us know especially telephone numbers and email addresses.

## Parking Vouchers:

**A huge thanks to those parents who have helped so far. It is a fantastic help. This is especially important this term as all of the vouchers are now out of date so any contributions would be gratefully received.**

## Congratulations

To Miss Heavey who got married over the holidays. She is now Mrs Bennett

## School Lunches Survey:

### SNAP Survey – Feedback from pupils and parents

The feedback from parents and pupils about the school meal service provided is extremely important to City Catering. They have prepared a very short survey for pupils and parents to complete on-line:

[www.myschoollunch.co.uk/southampton](http://www.myschoollunch.co.uk/southampton)

## Film Club:

There are extra spaces available for the Film Club (Junior Department pupils only). The club runs from 3.30 to 4.30 commencing on 12<sup>th</sup> January. Please see the office if your child is interested in joining.

## Highfield Singing Club – Tuesdays 3.25-4.15 pm.

Singing games and fun, singing at large events and small. Open to Yrs 3-6. Taster session: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January – come along and bring a friend!

## Day Closures this term:

January 27<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> March