

**Recreation Road Infant School  
Newsletter 2  
September 2013**



### **Volunteering In School**

We love to have you in to help in school but do require that you undergo an enhanced CRB/DBS check. Currently our office staff are incredibly busy with all the associated administration regarding our new Reception pupils but will be able to start making appointments for CRB applications from 30<sup>th</sup> September. Please call in or phone the office to make an appointment. Thanks.

### **Reception Parents/Carers**

If you have not done so already can you please bring your child's birth certificate into the office so that they can complete the admission process. Many Thanks



### **Dogs**

**There should be no dogs on the school site.**

**Please do not leave your dog tied up by the fence on arrival or pick-up. Last week we had several frightened and upset children because of this.**

### **What's on at Recreation Road Sports Centre**

Don't forget to check out what is happening at Recreation Road Sports Centre! Through the week you can get involved with a host of sports and activities like Basketball, Tennis, Kids Zumba, Street Dance, Football, Karate, Wheelchair Basketball and Remote Controlled Cars!! And adults there is plenty for you too with loads of Zumba and Aerobics.

Check out the website timetable [www.recreationroadsportscentre.org.uk/timetable/](http://www.recreationroadsportscentre.org.uk/timetable/) for more details.

### **NUT/NASUWT Strike Action**

**Please be aware that NUT and NASUWT members have been called to strike on**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October.** Please see [www.teachers.org.uk](http://www.teachers.org.uk)

**As the majority of teaching staff are taking strike action this will result in the school being CLOSED. We hope that by giving you this early information you can secure other arrangements for the day.**

## **New Governors Required**

We will be looking for new Parent Governors to join our Governing Body. As a governor you would be required to attend 2 evening meetings each half term and be able to come into school during the working day to support the development of our school working alongside school staff to ensure the children get the best opportunities.

We would like someone who has a real interest in our school, want to support its development, is a hard worker and who has the personal skills to work as part of a friendly team.

If you are interested , please come and talk to either Serena or Michael.

## **Continued Professional Development**

This term staff have been working on activities to support our School Improvement and Development Plan (SIDP) with focus on Inclusion and Equality and our Inquiry Based Curriculum. Training has focussed on Diversity issues and Homophobic Bullying using fantastic resources from Stonewall and Birmingham City Council-please have a look at our resource collection of picture books(under display board in main corridor) which enable classes to discuss and understand about difference and the concept of “no outsiders”.

Staff will be attending training on Nurture Groups, Sound Discovery, Blogging, Guided Reading, Cerebal Palsy, Developing the role of Parent Support Advisor, and moderation of children’s work.

We also have a small working group focussing on early maths skills. This group is being supported by Eleanor Cockerton, lecturer at UEA.

## **Cluster Work**

We continue to work with our Cluster in relation to SEND and local issues. Funding for Special Education Needs and Disability (SEND) has changed recently and is held within each Cluster. Please have a look at the leaflet distributed earlier this term which describes the process involved.

## **Request**

If you have a chess set that is no longer used we would love to have it for our Chess Club. Please leave it in the office. Many Thanks

