

SPOTLIGHT



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Parents' Information Newsletter

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2008

We hope you had a good Christmas break and managed to escape the various bugs and viruses which many families seemed to have experienced during the festive season.

As usual, at the start of a new term, our message is a request to parents to continue to help us in maintaining the good standards established at the beginning of the academic year. It is highly important that the pupils are smartly turned out in the correct school uniform, eager to learn and to make a positive contribution to school life.

We have only been back a few days but staff have commented that a number of pupils do not have the correct equipment for lessons. **At the very least we expect pupils to have a pen, pencil, ruler and rubber for each lesson they attend.** When pupils are not readily equipped it wastes valuable time at the start of each lesson. We have a stationery shop in school and pupils can purchase basic equipment at very reasonable prices.

Naturally many pupils received new mobile phones and assorted electronic 'kit' for Christmas but I must emphasize that pupils are not permitted to use their mobile phones during the school day and they should be turned off. We cannot accept any responsibility for the loss of mobile phones, ipods, mp3/4s, iphones... etc during school time. Also, may I politely remind you that parents are requested not to contact their children on their mobiles during school hours. The school rules are clear about when to use mobile phones and by contacting them you may inadvertently cause the phone to be confiscated by a member of staff. This is particularly important as we approach the exam season with Year 11 mock GCSEs, since use of mobile phones is absolutely forbidden during exam conditions. We are always happy to pass on messages to your children via reception if they are urgent, or when arrangements for their safe return at the end of the day have changed.

Good luck to Year 11 next week in their Mock Exams and GCSE Modular Science Exams. Here's to another healthy, happy and successful 2008 for us all.

Seán Hewitt
On behalf of the Leadership Team
Peter Booth, Helen Holmes and Barry Richardson.

Dry Rowing Instructors' Course

We would like to invite parents/relatives of pupils at Poltair to assist with the school's indoor rowing programme. We can offer a Dry Rowing Instructors' Course free of charge (dates and times to be confirmed).

The content of the course is as follows:

The Dry Rowing Instructors' Course qualifies participants to 'Organise a group safely on the land and deliver sessions using the Indoor Rowing Machine'. Modules covered include: Introduction to the Sport, Risk Assessment, Organising a Session and coaching practical sessions covering a variety of areas such as Indoor Rowing Technique, Games and Activities, Machine Maintenance, etc.

All volunteers will be welcomed but please note that you will be subject to a CRB check before being able to work with pupils. (The school will cover the cost of the check).

Please contact Mrs Linzi Booth for more details before Friday 18th January.

EDEN PROJECT

FRIDAY STUDENT SKATING

11th January – 1st February from 3pm

- FREE ADMISSION
- SKATING £4 per 40min slot
- DJ at the rink

Open to students in
full time education only.

For more information or to book call
the Eden Project on 01726 811972



Dichroic Dance

A

Fusion of Dance Talent

At

The Keay Theatre

Wednesday 23rd January 7.30 pm

Tickets: Adults - £4 Concessions - £3

Tickets available from

Mrs Hulbert at Poltair and Miss Michael at Penrice