

21st July 2010

Dear Parents,

The end of a challenging, tough but extremely successful academic year is upon us and already, much work is ongoing in readiness for our next academic year together. This has been another amazing year for Small Heath School, not just in terms of attainment and achievement but in every aspect of school life and the ever growing contributions we have been able to make towards community life. For this reason, we have been nominated for the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce Awards in the Contribution to Community category. We will find out in September if we are winners! Two weeks ago we welcomed a team of Ofsted inspectors into our school. We are delighted and thrilled with their comments and although we received the highest accolades for our inspections in 2002 and 2006, the 2010 inspection results will reflect that we are still getting better. Unfortunately, I cannot officially release the report and its judgments but as soon as I can, the report will be posted on our website and a letter sent to our pupils and students from the lead inspector. What a way to finish the year! I am also pleased to inform you that we have been re-awarded the Inclusion Quality Mark, which reflects the high quality care, support and guidance given to our school family.

As you are aware, we place a great emphasis on learning beyond the classroom and I have been delighted with the range and frequency of enrichment, sporting and residential activities we have offered our pupils and students throughout this year. I have been particularly pleased with new countries visited this year and visits to Greece and Latvia have pioneered the way. Next term Austria!

Our Y10s have been out on work experience and we have received a host of extremely positive comments from employers who gave our pupils work placements. I feel extremely proud to receive such comments. A great way to end our year.

I would like to thank you for your wonderful support throughout the year. I have greatly appreciated the many positive comments made to me and the results of our parental questionnaires have reflected the great value you place on our school. Such support is vital in enabling us to look after and nurture your children. I do hope you appreciate the verse that I attach to the last Newsletter of the year.

As always at this time of the year, we have some farewells to say to colleagues. Mr. Birkett and Mr. Henry are retiring having given many years of service to our school family and our community. We all wish them good health and good luck in the future. Miss Tracey is taking up a post at the Priory School, Mr. Midworth

moves to Windsor High School and Miss Rehman is hoping to move overseas. Following the completion of a very successful Graduate Teacher Placement, Miss Sharp has gained a position at Aylesford School, Warwick and Mr. Lucas our MFL Assistant who will be joining Bishop Challoner School. We also say goodbye to some colleagues who have been covering for absent staff Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. O'Halloran, Mr. Williams, Mr. Willard, Mr. Khan and Mr. Hussain.

School finishes for pupils on **Thursday 22nd July** and for staff on Friday 23rd July. The following arrangements will take place in September for the start of the 2010/11 academic year:

Year Group	Date/Arrival time	Site
'New' Y7	Thursday 2nd September at 08.50	Upper School
Year 8	Thursday 2nd September at 10.05	Lower School
Year 9	Thursday 2nd September at 10.05	Lower School
Year 10	Thursday 2nd September at 08.50	Upper School
Year 11	Thursday 2nd September at 10.05	Upper School
Year 12	Thursday 2nd September at 08.50	Upper School
Year 13	Thursday 2nd September at 10.05	Upper School

AS/A2 results will be available at Upper School from 10a.m. on Thursday 19th August. KS4 examination results from 10a.m. on Tuesday 24th August.

As you are aware, we continue to emphasise the importance of healthy living and we constantly encourage our pupils and students to focus on their well being and safety. We will continue to warn our children of the perils associated with eating junk food everyday. Our battle against fizzy drinks and fast food will continue in September and our encouragement of participating in sport and/or regular exercise will remain a priority. I do hope you too will continue to encourage healthy living throughout the holiday period. With our childrens' well being in mind, we will shortly be advertising for a Nurse to join our school family. For further information regarding this post please visit our website and click on vacancies.

And finally.....

My thanks go to all my colleagues who work tirelessly to ensure that our children have a wonderful time at school, enjoy their learning and feel safe and supported. This makes our school what it is.

May I wish you all a happy, healthy and a safe summer holiday wherever you maybe.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

P. Slough
Headteacher

Uniform sale at Lower School, Thursday 26th August, 1p.m. – 4p.m.

The Sculptors

*I dreamed I stood in a studio
And watched two sculptors there
The clay they used was a young child's mind
And they fashioned it with care.
One was a teacher;
The tools he used were books, music and art.
One a parent,
With a guiding hand and a gentle loving heart.
Day after day the teacher toiled
With a touch that was loving and sure;
While the parent laboured by his side
And polished and smoothed o'er.
And when at last their task was done,
They were proud of what they had wrought
For the things they had moulded into the child
Could neither be sold nor bought.
And each agreed he would have failed,
If he had worked alone,
For behind the parents stood the school,
And behind the teacher,
The home.*



Birmingham Youth Service

Small Heath Youth & Connexion Centre summer programme 2010

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	26 th July 12.00-4.30pm Registration, general activities, board games etc	27 th July 12.00-4.30pm General activities, Sports, arts and crafts	28 th July 11.45am – 1.15pm Jungle challenge 10 young people max 2pm – 4.30pm General activities, Sports, arts and crafts	29 th July 12.00-4.30pm General activities tournament	30 th July 2.45pm-5.00pm General activities, Sports, arts and crafts
2	2 nd August 12.00-4.30pm General activities, board games, Sports, arts & crafts	3 rd august 07.45am -8.00 pm Blackpool pleasure beach (48y/p)	4 th August 12.00 – 4.30 pm General activities, board games, sport and arts and crafts	5 th August 12.00-4.30pm General activities, 2pm- 4pm scuba diving (10y/p)	6 th August 2.45pm-5.00pm Football Tournament
3	9 th August 12.00-4.30pm General activities, board games, Sports, arts & crafts	10 th August 12.00 –4.30pm General Activities, sport, 1pm-3pm Rock Climbing (16y/p)	11 th August 12.00-4.30pm General activities, board games, Sports	12 th August 12.00-4.30pm General activities, board games, Sports	13 th August 2.45pm-5.00pm Cinema
4	16 th August 12.00- 4.30pm General activities, board games, Sports, arts & crafts	17 th August 12.00- 4.30 pm general activities and sport	18 th August 12.00-4.30pm General activities, Sports 1.30pm – 4pm Mini Golf (15y/p)	19 th August 12.00-4.30pm Sports day	20 th August 2.45pm-5.00pm General activities, board games, Sports, arts & crafts

Small Heath Youth Centre Summer Programme is for young people aged 11-16 years old and sixth formers who attend Small Heath 6th form.

Please be aware that spaces are limited for off-site activities. If you require any further information please come in and speak to the Youth Workers or phone.

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