



Dear Parent(s)

EVENING TO CELEBRATE ACHIEVEMENT

Prizegiving this year is to be held on Tuesday, 4 November, starting at 7:00pm in the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral. Our speaker this year is Mrs Angela James, Managing Director of Toni & Guy; we look forward to welcoming her as our guest for the evening. Mrs James is a recognised keynote speaker and was the first female franchisee in Toni & Guy's history to open a salon. She was the North West Hairdresser of the Year in 2007. All pupils in Years 10 and above are required to attend, so we can celebrate with them their successes in their Key Stage 3 Exams, GCSEs and A-Levels; attendance is also compulsory for lower school prize winners and members of the Chamber Choir and Orchestra. Pupils are to attend in correct winter uniform and be seated by 6.45 pm at the very latest. Please be aware that if you bring your car, the Cathedral will charge £3 for car parking in their grounds. The evening should be finished by approximately 8.45 pm.

I would like to remind you of the change of date in the school calendar. School will now close on the afternoon of Tuesday, 4 November for our annual Prizegiving Ceremony and not the following morning as previously advertised. Wednesday, 5 November will now be a normal day. This change is due to public examinations taking place on Wednesday morning and therefore pupils will need to be in school on this day. Any pupils who are entitled to a free school meal should notify Mrs McElhinney-Samson by Monday, 3 November if they wish to order sandwiches.

SCHOOL FUND REMINDER

The response this year has, so far, been disappointingly low. We would be very pleased to receive your contributions (no matter how small) to the School Fund which is used for the benefit of the whole school community.

SCHOOL REUNION

It was a pleasure to welcome so many 'old girls' at both the Afternoon Tea and Evening Celebration on 10th October 2008. We have received many complimentary letters about our pupil guides, staff and the school buildings. The Quiet Room with its beautiful stained glass windows and the Honours Boards in the corridors evoked lots of memories and the 'old girls' spoke enthusiastically about life at school many years ago which fascinated our pupil guides. In fact the event reunited two ladies (from Liverpool Girls' College and St Edmund's College) with a branch of their family that they had lost touch with several decades ago! It was most gratifying to note that everyone who attended agreed the traditions and ethos of the two founding schools still flourishes at Archbishop Blanch School.

HARVEST FESTIVAL ASSEMBLY

Due to the visit of a Theatre Company on Monday we have had to move the Harvest Festival Assembly to Monday, 10 November. Pupils can continue to bring in their donations of dried and tinned goods but any fresh fruit and vegetables should be brought in on the day. Any contributions you can make will be greatly appreciated. Pupils should bring their goods to Mrs McElhinney-Samson's office. The Salvation Army will distribute straight away what they can to the needy in the local area. They are always so grateful of our help and support, a large part of which helps towards providing a Christmas Day lunch for the homeless.



CONGRATULATIONS

I would like to congratulate Emily Rainbow from Form 7DP who organised a fundraising event on Friday, 17 October to raise money to help with the global food shortage crisis. Emily managed to raise a total of £56.92 which I had the pleasure of sending on Emily's behalf to Action Aid this week. Emily was helped by Bethany Hartley also from 7DP. Well done girls!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURE - YEAR 8 PARENTS' MEETING - THURSDAY, 13 NOVEMBER

School will close at 3.00 pm to accommodate this event. Could you please make arrangements for your daughter to leave school at this earlier finish time. The 600 bus will be available at this earlier finish time but not the 646. The 646 bus will arrive at its usual time and any pupil wishing to catch this bus can stay in Homework Club (held in the Careers Room) until the bus arrives.

WIN FREE TICKETS FOR THE ZUTONS WITH DJ IN THE DINING ROOM

As I have mentioned previously, Claire Morrow from Radio City will be joining us to officially open the newly refurbished Casa Blanca on Friday 7th November. Lunch will be a special occasion with music and the chance to chat with Claire. You will be able to keep in touch with the event by tuning into Radio City's Drive Time show later in the day. We will be giving away a free drink to all pupils who buy the 'The Meal of the Day' which is taking on a multi-cultural theme to celebrate Capital of Culture. Pupils can choose from:

Beef Stroganoff & Rice, Cajun Chicken with Corn on the Cob & Salad, Warm Pitta Bread with Olives, Houmous & Pesto, Five Spice Roast Chicken Drumsticks, Scouse, Vegetable & Rice Burritos with Homemade Corn Bread Plus Pudding - All for £1.65.

Pupils who buy the 'Meal of the Day' will also be given a ticket for a Raffle which will be drawn before the end of lunch to win: A pair of tickets to see The Zutons (donated by Radio City) plus 3x £20 HMV vouchers.

SCHOOL MEALS ARE CHANGING CAMPAIGN

We are also taking part in the Local Authority's Campaign - 'School Meals are Changing', which features on Radio City. Leaflets advising you about the changes, including recipes and details of how to check if you may be entitled to receive free school meals for your family, have been given to pupils. Pupils can also enter a competition by designing a recipe and putting their entries in the box located in Casa Blanca before 7 Nov.

SPONSORED SWIM

Could we encourage all those who took part in this event to bring their sponsor money into school as soon as possible. Thank you.

TRIP TO PARIS

Pupils from Years 9 and 10 left school at 6.00 am on Thursday, 16 October and were treated to 6 days in Paris, staying in the FIAP Jean Monnet in the south of the City. Friday saw them visiting the Louvre, Notre Dame, the Sainte Chapelle, walking around the Marais and the Jardin de Luxembourg to the Tour Montparnasse. Subsequent days included visits to the Musee D'Orsay, Sacre Coeur, Versailles and the Opera Garnier. In the evenings they had the opportunity to see Paris from the Bateau Mouche on the River Seine and from the top of the Eifel Tower. Throughout the trip the girls were excellent ambassadors for the school. Many thanks to Mrs Brooks who organised the trip and to Mrs Backstrom, Mrs Bristow, Miss Howard, Miss Jones and Mrs Stewart who accompanied the girls.

FREE ICT CLASSES

European Computer Driving Licence: Modules in Word-processing, Spreadsheets, Databases, Communication, Presentation, File Management and Concepts of Information Technology. Although classes begin on Monday, 3 November anyone interested is still welcome to sign up. The classes will be held each Monday, from 6.30 to 8.30 pm and are free. However, if you wish to take exams, a fee will be payable. Please contact Mrs Sandra West, Archbishop Blanch School office, on 709 1452 if you wish to attend.

ITEMS FOR SALE

We still have a limited number of PE skorts for sale on a first come first served basis. Waist size 24"-30" are £9.95 each and 32"-36" are £11.69. Cheques should be made payable to Archbishop Blanch School.

MORRISONS "LET'S GROW" VOUCHERS

The school is collecting vouchers which can be exchanged for gardening equipment, everything from wellingtons to watering cans, even plant and vegetable seeds. You may have noticed the flower tubs in the school yard which our ASDAN group have planted and tended with great success and we now have plans to grow our own vegetables on the land to the side of the Sixth Form garden. Please send any vouchers to the school office with your daughter or son.