



NEWSLETTER No. 3 - 28th January 2006

We are now half way through the first half term of 2006 and there are a few important announcements to make.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Firstly, our Christmas Concert was a great success and a large audience enjoyed a variety of music from the Orchestras, the Clarinet groups and a Flute group. Thanks go to all the teachers and their assistants and to the many helpers with the mince pies and punch, the raffle ticket sellers and Jenny Swann and the snack bar helpers.

Whilst mentioning the snack bar, you may be interested to know that in the last year the snack bar raised over a thousand pounds which helps to provide, amongst other things, music, instruments for the groups to use and instruments for hiring to students. Thanks to all the snack bar staff for this tremendous effort and also to you, the parents and students, for supporting the snack bar.

ORCHESTRA CONCERT, 11th FEBRUARY

Those of you who came to the Concert will remember that the Orchestra are playing in a Concert at **Roundhay Methodist Church** on **Saturday 11th February**. Tickets are now available for this event and can be purchased from the Music Centre Office. Due to catering and building regulations tickets **MUST** be purchased in advance.

There will be no admission at the door without a ticket.

Tickets cost £4 for adults, £2 children and a family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) is £10.

The Concert starts at 7.00pm.

FUTURE DATES

Our next **Music Centre Concert** is on **Saturday 1st April** and this will be a Picnic Concert and, hopefully, you will all join in the fun and bring a picnic style tea. Further details will be given nearer the time. Also, whilst writing this date in your diary you might also like to know that the final **Music Centre Concert** of the year will be on **Saturday 17th June**, the last meeting of the year.

Also, during the summer, the Orchestras and Jazz Orchestra will be playing at **Canal Gardens, Roundhay** on **Sunday 6th August** and **Sunday 20th August**.

CAR PARKING

There has been a problem in the last few weeks with cars being blocked in by other parked cars. For some reason, a third row of cars seems to start and this, of course, means the cars in the centre row cannot get out! There is plenty of parking around the side of the building - next to the hall windows - so please park thoughtfully and don't all crowd into the parking spaces at the front of the building or near the entrance.

FEES

If you have elected to pay your fees in two instalments, please note that the second instalment is now due. You should have received a letter showing how much you have to pay but, if not, please visit the Music Centre Office any Saturday morning.

Please ensure that fees are paid before half term, 11th February at the latest.

HALF TERM HOLIDAYS

There are two more meetings after this week and then the Centre will be closed for half term on 18th and 25th February. We re-open on Saturday 4th March.