



## NEWSLETTER No. 4 - 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2008

### HALF TERM HOLIDAY

We are closed for the next two weeks for half term holiday. We re-open on Saturday 23rd February and then 15th March is our last meeting before Easter.

### RECENT EVENTS

Since our last newsletter, we have had our Christmas Concert and other Christmas gigs. These were all very successful: The Christmas Concert was well supported and we enjoyed a varied programme of music from beginners right through to more advanced players. The raffle raised £180 for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution. Members of the orchestras and other groups also played in three Christmas carol gigs at Connaught Court at York and our usual venues of Thorner Village Green and Oakwood Clock. Despite the cold, these were enjoyed by players and audiences alike. We have already been booked to “appear” again in 2008 and the dates are given below.

Several members of the Music Centre have recently received results for exams: Katie Allen, the leader of the orchestra passed her grade 8 violin with merit and back in the summer theory exams, Emily Wan (grade 2), Vanessa Wan (grade 3) and Sheila Sawyer (grade 1) all passed with distinction. Well done to all of them.

### SPRING CONCERT

Our Spring concert will be on Saturday 15th March starting at 7.15pm. If you or your child's class or ensemble are taking part the teacher will inform you after half term. At the moment, I do know that the Senior Orchestra, String Orchestra, Wind Band and Jazz Training Orchestra are all taking part.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

9th and 16th February .....Half term - closed  
Saturday 23rd February .....Music Centre restarts  
Saturday 15th March.....Spring Concert, 7.15pm, Carr Manor School  
Saturday 15th March.....Last meeting before Easter  
Saturday 12th April.....Music Centre restarts after Easter  
Saturday 21st June .....Summer Concert  
Saturday 28th June.....EXTRA meeting to replace cancelled 22nd September meeting  
This will be an Open Morning - parents, friends, etc welcome to attend  
More details nearer the time  
Saturday 13th September .....Enrolment Day (to be confirmed)  
Saturday 20th September .....First day of new year (to be confirmed)  
Saturday 13th December.....Christmas Concert and last day of term (to be confirmed)  
Saturday 13th December.....Carols at Thorner Village  
Sunday 14th December.....Carols at Oakwood Clock

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