

KING'S NORTON BOYS' SCHOOL



January 2003

Dear Parents

As we share New Year Greetings, my thanks go to the PTA committee who have pledged funds towards the school's bid for Specialist Status. Please support their efforts generously this term, and make their Auction on 11 April both entertaining and productive.

We have ordered a new minibus, which should be here in the spring, and the PTA, especially through the Christmas Raffle, is making an important contribution towards that.

In the event of extreme weather conditions, the Chief Education Officer will make a central decision affecting all schools, including KNBS, by 6.45 am. Any closure of the school will be announced on Radio WM and on BRMB Radio.

Mr Sonley

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION 200 CLUB

A happy new year to all parents.

I am very pleased to advise that membership has continued to grow at an encouraging rate. We now have very close to 200 members, which demonstrates great support from you, the parents. This has resulted in a very significant first prize of £88 for the Superdraw for December 2002; not bad odds, I am sure you will agree.

If you are not a member and would like to join, please contact the school office for an application form.

Prize winners over the last three months have been as follows:-

October	K Cregan	no 58	£33
	A Hodgkiss	no 145	£21
	A Jones	no 38	£13
November	K Cregan	no 58	£36
	G Clemmow	no 120	£23
	S Walton	no 122	£14
December	P Woodward	no 136	£88
	C Griffith	no 147	£55
	B Cooper	no 126	£33

Mr Martin Luck
PTA Treasurer

PTA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS

Well done to everyone for your help. The raffle raised over £1,100 – a great effort, especially from the Year 7 and 8 boys.

	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Ticket No</u>
1 st	£100	P Ash (Luke Bridgman, 9C)	12672
2 nd	Large Food Hamper	Daryl Gordon, 7A	12477
3 rd	£25	A Peevor (Ben Welch, 8D)	6068
4 th	Food Hamper	Mrs Whyte (Ewan, 7A)	-

Top sellers:	Jonathan Kelly, 7D	- 26 books
	Adrian Luck, 11D	- 40 books
	Form 7D	- £191.00

Mr Chapman

DECEMBER MERIT AWARDS

The following students were awarded their merit badges at our recent merit assembly:-

20 badge: **Ben Badger (7C), Stephen Cooper (8A), Steven Crofts (7D), Adam Freezer (7B), Scott Hall (7A), Chris Heath (7C), David Jiggins (8B) Joshua Kelly (7B), Sean Kelly-Walsh (7C), Eamonn Martin (7B), Robert Stiff (8D).**

40 badge: **Alex Barnett (7C), Richard Brotherton (7C), Stephen Cooper (8A).**

60 badge: **Stuart Sheldon (8D).**

80 badge: **Matthew Kemp (9C).**

Well done, everyone! Merits were present by Mr Sonley.

Mr Brett

STAFF VACANCIES

Lunchtime Supervisor: We have an immediate vacancy for a Lunchtime Supervisor who, on a temporary basis, would cover the post for five lunchtimes per week up to the February half-term break. It may be possible to offer a post of between one and three lunchtimes per week on a permanent basis thereafter.

Cleaner: With the retirement of Mr Ken Barley from the cleaning staff, a vacancy for a morning cleaner will arise from Monday, 23 February 2003. The working hours will be from 6.30 am to 9.00 am, making 12.5 hours per week.

If you are interested in either of these posts, please contact Roger Groom, School Administrator, for further details.

Mr Groom

ATTENDANCE

The best attendance record for the second half of the autumn term went to 7B with 96% - well done!

8C were best in Year 8

9B " " " Year 9

10A " " " Year 10

11A " " " Year 11

We are striving to reach an overall school average of 93.4% for the whole year, so it is important to ensure that all boys attend if they are only slightly ill and that appointments for the dentist, doctor, etc, are made outside school hours, if possible. It is also important that all boys bring a note from parents/guardians to account for absences.

Well done to the many boys who maintained 100% attendance last half term – keep it up.

Mr Nicholds

BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair held at the end of November was a great success. We sold nearly £250 worth of books and used the commission earned towards books for the library.

Thank you to everyone who came along and bought something.

WALKERS FREE BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS



We are taking part in this scheme again this year. Please help us by sending in as many tokens as possible. Collection boxes will be in the canteen and the library.

Mrs Newton

THE GREAT R.E. POETRY COMPETITION

What's the prize? 1st prize - £20 HMV Voucher
2nd prize - £10 HMV Voucher

What's the theme? Easter

When is the closing date?
Friday, 7 February 2003

What do I have to do? Write a poem or a creative piece on the theme of Easter.



The best will be used to create a poetry anthology on the school website and will be used in an assembly before Easter. In addition, you will receive a certificate for participating and an Easter Egg!!!

Don't forget that poetry doesn't have to rhyme; the writing must be original and your own work. Have a go – be creative!

Mr Lomas

SPORTS NEWS



Basketball:

Year 9 v Bournville: Result: KNBS 30 – Bournville 20. This was a low scoring game dominated by the passing skills of KNBS. After 2½ games we have realised that passing and moving are basic ingredients for success in Basketball. **Hartill** again proved to be a most dangerous forward, scoring regularly throughout the game. **Cush, Jennings and Pencheon** chipped in with a couple each. We are looking good! Bring on St Thomas Aquinas.

Blaze makes the England Squad:



Richard Blaze has made the England U18 Squad and has been selected for the twenty-six to play Scotland in April. Richard, who gained a grade A in PE at GCSE Level is now playing for Worcester and the North Midlands. He has been really dedicated to his sport and deserves all the success he gets. Well done, Richard!

Year 9 Interform Cross-country:

An excellent run in the cold by **Hartill** saw him beat off competition from the whole of Year 9. **Coyne** was second and **Madden** third in a very successful event. Form 9A were the team winners and showed real determination and teamwork to finish well ahead of the pack. Well done to 9D who had 7 runners in the top 15.



Year 7 Football: In the final match of 2002 the boys played their cup game against Park Hall. The score finished 0-0 in a very close game, although KNBS did create the better chances. However, Park Hall had two opportunities to score in the final minute and were only denied by a great save from **Michael Ralph** in goal and a last ditch tackle from man of the match **Steven Payne**.



The match was played in cold conditions and close to darkness at the end, which prevented the game going to extra time (a replay will take place in January). Yet again, thanks to the parents who braved the weather and helped out at the end of the game.

Mr Preece

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Tuesday, 21 January

- Y7 Dental Inspection.

Monday, 27 January

- Y12/13 Parents' Evening at KNBS: 4.00 pm to 6.30 pm.

Friday, 7 February

- February Newsletter issued.

Thursday, 13 February

- Y11 Reports issued.
- Ski Trip departs (until 22nd).

Monday, 17 February

- HALF-TERM HOLIDAY BEGINS.

Friday, 21 February

- HALF-TERM HOLIDAY ENDS.

Wednesday, 26 February

- Y8 Parents' Evening: 4.00 pm to 6.30 pm.

Tuesday, 4 March

- Y9 BCG Heaf Tests.

Friday, 7 March

- March Newsletter issued.

Tuesday, 11 March

- Y9 BCG Vaccinations.