

# Maidstone Infant School Newsletter - January 2010

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We have had problems recently at school with children eating the wrong lunch as they have picked up a lunch box that they think is theirs. Please could you make sure that your child's lunch box **is named** so that they take the right box. There are a lot of children with the same lunch boxes and the mistake is very easy to make if the lunchbox does not have a name on it. Also please could you put the lunch box on the correct class section on the trolley.



We currently have vacancies for 2 relief Midday Supervisors. If you are interested in applying for one of the positions please come to the school office for further details and an application form. The hours of work will be from 12.00 – 1.15 p.m. The closing date to apply is **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February** and interviews will be held on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February**.



We have recently upgraded our telephone system and although there were initial teething problems it is now up and running. There are now options to choose from when you ring the school number and one of these options is to leave a message if your child is unwell and not coming to school. Many of you are using this and it is saving the office staff a great deal of time in the mornings, but some parents are still choosing to speak to a member of the office staff. **Please** could you leave a message in the morning using the option to report your child absent, leaving their name, class and the reason for their absence. The messages are picked up every day when the office is less busy.



If your child is ill in the morning please could we ask that once you have made your decision to keep them away from school that you do not bring them in later in the day. Recently we have had parents bringing children in just before lunch saying that they feel better now, only to have to send them home again later in the day. Children often 'perk up' with medicine but once this wears off they quickly go down hill again. If they are unwell in the morning it is better that they stay home for the day to make sure that they are completely well for the following day.



We will be having a regular session on a Monday afternoon from 3.00 p.m when we will sell items of school uniform including P.E kit and book bags. Please could you try and purchase uniform at this time whenever possible. Could we remind parents that children should have a P.E kit in school at all times as there are a number of children who do not appear to have one. A complete kit with P.E bag is available at a cost of only £7.60 from the school.