

## ST MARY MAGDALENE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS: OCTOBER 2008

#### **Unclaimed Children's Tax Allowance for the Year 2002/2003 – you might be owed £520 or £1040 by Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs!**

The year before Tax Credits were introduced, there was a different non-means-tested allowance available which was **never** advertised by the Inland Revenue.

It is called the **Children's Tax Allowance for the Year 2002/2003**.

You can still claim this allowance before **the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2009 deadline**.

**Phone HMRC on 0845 302 1437** and ask them to check whether you have already received the allowance and, if not, what you must do next.

You are eligible to claim the £520 allowance if :

- you have a child born between 6 April 1986 and 5 April 2003;
- the child lived with you for all or part of 2002/03;
- you worked and paid tax for all or part of 2002/03;
- you or your partner (if you had one) earned £6000+ in the 2002/03 tax year;

You are eligible to claim the £1040 allowance if:

- if you can answer "yes" to the four questions above; and
- one of your children was born between 6 April 2002 and 5 April 2003.

Notes :

- Making a claim does not affect your current or future entitlement to Working or Child Tax Credits.
- Your marital status is irrelevant.
- You cannot claim the allowance twice and if your final tax code on your April 2003 P60 ended in "H" or "T", you have already had the allowance.
- This is an easy claim to make so don't get duped into paying somebody else to do it for you because they are likely to charge a large percentage for their services.
- The school cannot provide you with any advice or assistance in making this claim and cannot tell you whether you are entitled to receive the allowance; we are simply passing on this information which we received from a parent who has herself made a claim.

**If you make a successful claim which you would not have made were it not for receiving this information from the school, we would be most grateful if you would consider sharing your windfall with the school by making a small donation.**