



Newsletter

10th September 2009

Dear Parents and Carers and Children,

Welcome back to you all and an extra special hello and welcome to all families or children new to Pucklechurch Primary. I hope that you are beginning to get back into the flow of things. It always takes a few days to shake off the holiday feeling but we are here now and everyone seems to be up to speed! Our assembly theme for this term is Hope and our whole school focus for Social & Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL) is New Beginnings. We will be talking to the children about these themes a lot both in class and assembly. The more you are able to engage with them in conversations about these themes the richer their contributions in school become. I wish all of the children a super year ahead, full of fun and great learning.

David Forrester

Letters to parents

As we advised you in July, we are now uploading all general letters to parents onto our web site in order help you to keep up to date with all that is happening. Our experience over this last year has been that letters often get left behind or lost on the way home from school.

We will also be sending some letters to you where you have signed up to receive your newsletter by email. There may be a few teething troubles, please bear with us.

If you have not yet signed up to receive your newsletter via email, please let us know and we will add you to the list.

As many parents and children will know by now there was an extremely sad event in the holidays. Mrs Mounter's little girl, Ava Jean, was still-born. This was naturally a great shock and very upsetting to everyone who knows her. Our thoughts and much love are with both Mrs Mounter and her husband. Thankyou to all those parents who have contacted us to share their feelings. I have spoken to those children who were with Mrs Mounter both last year and this. Tomorrow in assembly there will be a short time to discuss it with the children in general. If you have the opportunity to explain and reassure your child before this it may help them, if necessary, to do so.

Mill on the Brue-Year 6

There will be a meeting on Tuesday 15th September 2009 at 3.45pm to discuss the above trip. At this meeting we will be giving you further details and you will have the opportunity to ask questions.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The next Inset day will be on Friday 18th September 2009 and not Monday 21st September 2009 as previously advised.

Advance Notice

Individual and family school photographs will be taking place on Monday, 9th November.

New Beginnings!

A very special welcome to our new staff

Mrs Catriona Hayes has joined us as classteacher in Reception /Y1;
Mrs Claire Smith is a Teaching Assistant, who will also be in Reception/ Y1 and Miss Gemma Cummins is class teacher in Y5.



Help needed

School is always a busy place with lots to do and many times there are just not enough hours in the day, week or year to keep on top of some of the jobs that we would love to do but they have to be put on the back burner as other things take priority. We are therefore asking for your help. As we start the new school year we are looking for volunteers to help in the school in a number of ways.

1. Are you able to help keep our library up to date. You will be ably assisted by our year 5/6 children.
2. We are looking for keen gardeners who can spare a few hours a week to help maintain our new garden areas. This can be a role carried out by many different people so please let us know how much time you are able to give.
3. Lost property is an area where we need someone to help occasionally have a sort out and who would be happy to display lost property from time to time as well as help to sell some of our second hand uniform.

If you are able to help in any of these areas, please leave your name with the school office.

The Year ahead

Attached to next week's newsletter you will receive the Dates for the Year. As ever we will be happy to be informed of any major clashes that you become aware of with other events in the area. In school our focus for learning this year is exactly what we shared with you last term. Namely, improving progress in writing and embedding skills in Numeracy earlier on.

Guitar lessons

Guitar lessons will start on Monday 14th September 2009. All pupils concerned would have received details of their lesson time.



Lego Club

Lego Club starts next week, Monday 14th September 3.15pm – 4.15pm.

Thank you to everyone who has booked so far.

There are still a few spaces left, so if you are interested please contact Rachel Goodchild on 0117 303190.

We have great fun and great challenges.

The cost is only £15.00 for 6 weeks.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Offering FREE SPORTS MASSAGE TREATMENT to male/female bodies who would like to be a case study for my current sports massage course. Please ring Lisa Baker (Edwards mum) on 0797 957 4447 for more info.

French Club - new classes starting!

Bonjour!

French club has started again and classes will continue to take place in the Acorn building on Wednesday lunchtimes. There are still a few places remaining for years 3 and 4 who will be starting a new programme this term. If you have a child in year 3 or 4 who would be interested in coming along for a free trial session please call **Carmen on 0117 908 2707** or email:

mortbak@blueyonder.co.uk as soon as possible

Many thanks to all those parents who have already contacted me.

Carmen Bakaj

PSA News

PSA Auction of Goods and Promises

The PSA Auction of Goods and Promises will be held on Friday 25th September 2009 at 7.30pm in the school hall. Tickets are available from the school office or Mike Walkers newsagents at £1.50 per person. Please come along, bring your friends and family and grab some great Christmas presents. There will be a bar available.

If you are able to donate any items or promises e.g. babysitting, dog walking, ironing etc we would be very grateful, please hand them into the office or Angela Kenway (Archie's mum). My contact number 0797 1301540

Many thanks

PSA Meeting

Our first meeting of the year will be on Monday 14th September at 7.00 pm in the Staff Room. All are welcome to attend. If you are a parent new to the school, please come along and see how you can get involved in supporting the work we do as a school.

