

Newsletter

11th March 2010

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

This has been a significant week in terms of the future provision for your children at this school. We have now been informed that the final plans for the partial rebuild have been sent for Planning Application. This means that Governors will now set about consulting with members of the local community and will also be sharing with you, the children and parents/carers, just what is planned for the school; how it may affect you all as individuals and how we want you to be involved with the process. This is undoubtedly an exciting prospect and it is our intention to make as much use of the experience for the children's learning as possible. We will be announcing an evening in the near future when we will be sharing all of the initial information that we have so keep your eyes peeled! Have a good week

David Forrester



Class of the Week

It seems like Nightingales may be trying for a record as they came in top of the attendance chart for the second week running. Well done!

Football Tournament

Last Thursday the Pucklechurch School football team went to Elm Park School, in Winterbourne and played in a tournament against seven other teams. We all had a fantastic time and played very well as we won a game against Frampton, we lost to Raysfield and we drew 5 games.

Can we also say thanks to Greg for taking us and to all the parents who came and supported us.

By Tom and Rico

Badminton Club

A parent, Steve Ball has kindly offered to run a Badminton Club for KS2 children, in the school hall from 4.30pm – 6.00pm. It is a great game for children to get involved in. With the racquet technique being about control rather than brute strength, they can quickly get to a point of being able to play a game independently.

There is no equipment for children to buy as we are able to fund this from a very kind donation given to us by the old Pucklechurch Tennis Club. There is a slip at the bottom of this newsletter for you to return if your child would like to take part.

Values

This week when talking about values we have been really pleased to recognise achievements by Harvey (Owls) for integrity in telling the truth. Holly was recognised for compassion towards another child in her class and this was also recognised by other children in her class by rewarding her with the value.

Notice Board

- Falcons Class Assembly will take place on Friday, 19th March at 9.05 am. All are welcome to attend.
- Parents Meetings will be taking place during week beginning 22nd March. Please ensure you have returned your slip to your child's class teacher no later than Monday, 15th March.
- You should have received a parent questionnaire, could you please return this to the school office or bring with you to your parents meeting appointment.

Badminton Club

Child's Name: _____

Class: _____

My child is interested in attending Badminton Club on a Monday at 4.30pm – 6.00pm in the School Hall.

I understand that I would need to pick up from the school at 6.00pm

Signed: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

PSA News

Invitation Books

Thank you to everyone who purchased a book. We raised £414. Well done everyone. Now enjoy spending your vouchers.

Meal at The Star

Sarah Frankcom is arranging a meal at The Star on 25th March – if you are interested in attending a fun filled night please speak to Sarah.

Community News

SCARECROW COMPETITION

Dear Parents and carers,

Everyone will be receiving a scarecrow letter giving details of how to enter etc. in the next couple of weeks. These will be posted through your door! The event will be the same bank holiday weekend as last year – 2nd and 3rd May and the theme this year is Fairytale characters. There will be details of who to contact on the info sheet. We are also really looking, this year, for people who are interested in helping. We really want to open the event up to parents as well as people at St Thomas a Becket. If you would like to help, whether running a stall, getting involved or helping in a small way then please contact Rachel Goodchild (Co coordinator) ON 01173039190. If you are ready to enrol your 'fairytale' scarecrow then please feel free to phone me on the number above.

Kind regards

Rachel Goodchild

"St Thomas a Becket Church welcomes everyone to all services and activities. Children of all ages are always welcome as well as their parents and grandparents. Here is a list of our regular activities and some of the special events and festivals over the coming months. Do feel free to come along or if you would like to find out more, ask Chris Moore (Rebecca's Mum in Yr 4) or Julie Gardner (Hannah's Mum in Yr 3) or ring Stuart Young (our vicar) on 0117 937 2260.

Weekly events:

Last three Sundays of the month at 10.00am: Communion (you do not have to take communion!) with organ and choir and Junior Church (Sunday School) for 4-11 year olds, run by CRB checked adults – babies welcome – there are toys at the back of Church for toddlers

First Sunday of the month 10.00am: Family service/All age worship with Kevin on guitar. The Junior Church share what they have been learning with the congregation.

Normally every final Sunday of the month: Youth Group at the Vicarage for Yr 6 children upwards – fun and games and the chance to ask questions about Christianity 6.00-8.00pm. Ring the vicarage to find out more on: 937 2260 or just turn up.

Every Thursday evening – 7.30-8.00pm – the Church is open and available for prayer – quiet music, a Bible reading to inspire reflection and private or shared prayer, as wished – with James Gardner.

Every Friday 7.00-8.00pm – Choir practice in Church – we are a friendly bunch and enjoy singing traditional and modern hymns – come along and give us a try! You don't need to attend Church every Sunday when you join!

Special Events/Festivals

Mothering Sunday 14th March 10.00 am. Child friendly service in Church – Bring your Mum! The speaker will be Mary Head, Diocesan President of the Mother's Union.

Palm Sunday 28th March when we remember Jesus arriving in Jerusalem on a donkey.

10.00 am Communion Service with procession of palms

Good Friday 2nd April when we remember Jesus' crucifixion

10.00 am Children's service.

2.00 pm The last hour at the cross (a quiet and reflective service).

Easter Day April 4th. Communion Service 10.00 am when we celebrate Jesus' rising from the dead and putting us in good standing with God.

We look forward to seeing you.