



'Fearless Education'



Newsletter

14th January 2010

Dear Parents and Carers and Children,

It's been a little bit disrupted by the weather but a Happy New Year to all! Snow apart we've had a relatively calm start to term and it has been great to see the children having so much fun. I would like to give a huge thankyou to Mrs Cindy Aze and Mrs Sarah Frankcom for getting their wellies on yesterday morning and helping to clear the paths. The help was very much appreciated. Thankyou also, to those who have offered help if we needed it over the past 10 days. We may yet call on you if the poor weather continues. For now, enjoy the snow angels and snowmen.

The themes we will be discussing this term are Compassion and Going for Goals. Please take the opportunity to speak to your child about this through the term. Best wishes to you all for a great year.

David Forrester

Mill on the Brue

A short information meeting for Year 5 parents and children regarding the residential visit to Mill on the Brue on Tuesday, 2nd February from 3.15 to 3.45 pm.

During this meeting we will give details about what your child can expect to experience and achieve and the overall arrangements. There will, of course, also be ample opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have.

Year 2 and 6 SAT's

You will have received a letter this week asking you to book into this meeting. It is imperative you let us have your forms back by Monday, 18th if you need us to look after your children whilst this meeting is taking place.

Year5/6 SRE

If you wish your child to be looked after while you attend this meeting, you need to let us have your forms back by Monday, 11th January.

NOTICES

Dinner money **MUST** be paid in advance on a Monday morning. Meals cost £1.60 per day. If the school is closed monies paid will be carried forward or you can take it off the next payment.

The rear car park is for kitchen staff and emergency exit only. **DO NOT USE THE REAR GATE.** Any person seen using the rear gate or parking in that area will be asked to collect their child from the office each day.

Clubs will have started this week. If a club is cancelled at short notice you will receive a text message from the school otherwise clubs will run each week.

If your child is ill and unable to attend school, please ring the office by 9.00 am. There is an answerphone for you to leave a message.

If your child is late, please come through the office to sign them in. This is to ensure they are registered correctly in case of an emergency. The bell rings at 8.45 am.



Well done Falcons for being top of the attendance board this week. New Year pace setters.

Weather!!

Thank you to everyone, especially the children, who have been sensible, but had loads of fun in this time of difficult weather. You will by now know the routine if the school is going to be closed. You should receive a text message in the morning (hopefully by 7.30 am) to say if the school is closed. If you do not receive a text, then the school is open. This information will also be posted on the school website, bbc website and the local radio stations. Please do not ring into the school as this clogs up the answerphone and Mrs Brown is unlikely to have made it into the office to answer the telephone anyway!

If you have not been receiving your text messages, or they are not going to the number you want, please call into the school office and update your records. Please bear with us while we set up this new system. So far the response has been very positive when parents have been getting their messages. If you have any observations or feedback, please email them to pucklechurchprimary.school@southglos.gov.uk We would still like for the children to come appropriately dressed in suitable boots/wellingtons. They should bring a change of footwear with them and a change of socks. They will be going outside for break times (even if only for a short spell of fresh air) and therefore will continue to need coats, hats, gloves, etc.



IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP TO RECEIVE YOUR NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL. EITHER CALL INTO THE OFFICE AND LEAVE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS OR EMAIL MRS BROWN DIRECT ON_KIM.BROWN@SOUTHGLOS.GOV.UK

Bikeability

Due to the weather, this week's bikeability has been rescheduled for the morning of Thursday, 4th February.

Harpcool

There are places available for the Harmonica lessons which take place on Tuesday lunchtimes. You can contact Harpscool direct on 0117 914 8765 or email George.lidell@blueyonder.co.uk

PSA News

PSA Meeting

The first meeting of the year will be taking place on Tuesday, 19th January at 7 pm in the Staffroom. All are welcome.

Foneclub

Please remember to bring in your old phones for recycling – deposit box is in the foyer by the school office. All money raised will be used to buy Scrapstore supplies for the teachers.

Curry and Quiz Night

Our next fund raising event will take place on Saturday, 6th February in the form of a Quiz and Curry night. Further details and tickets will be available from next week. If you have any raffle prize donations, could you please leave them with the office. On the night we will need for the door, waitressing, bar, etc. if you are able to help in any way, please contact me (Kate) on 07789070073.

Adults Fancy Dress Disco

A date for your diary. This event has been booked to coincide with the school book and world book day. We therefore felt it appropriate that proceeds from this event should go specifically towards purchasing books for the school. Further details will be available after half term but once again we will be looking for volunteers to help on the night and any donations for raffle prizes.