



# 'Fearless Education'



## Newsletter

15<sup>th</sup> October 2009

Dear Parents and Carers and Children,

A huge well done to our Y6 for their learning and approach to Mill on the Brue. It was challenging in all sorts of ways and most of the children had to confront fears and anxieties at some point (The adults weren't too far behind either). The learning for children is huge and is particularly reflective of the values that we introduced last year and which are integral to the education we want the children to receive. I would like to thank Mrs MacLeod for co-ordinating the trip and along with Mrs Bannister for giving up their time to take the children. An extra special thanks must go to Mr Andy Woods for spending the week with us as a group leader. His positive energy and support for all of the children was wonderful to see and I know his group really appreciated the time he spent with them. There is a brief taster below but we also have some photos on the board in the hall and Y6 parents are warmly invited to the assembly on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Best wishes for a wonderful week.

David Forrester

### IT'S BACK

**Our first Class of the Week is Nightingales.  
They came in with an amazing 100%.  
Well done everyone!**



### School Dinners

We are still receiving dinner money during the week. Can I remind you once again that due to the administration involved and banking of school dinner money it is imperative that all school meals are paid for on Monday morning. Money must be in a sealed envelope with your child's name, class, amount enclosed and number of days. This should then be given to the class teacher or the school office. Many thanks in anticipation of your help in this matter.

### Lost Coat

A child in year 5 has lost a pink 'Regatta' rain coat somewhere within school. The coat was clearly named so please can all parents check to see if your child has brought home the wrong coat by mistake, if so please return it to the school office. Thank you.

### Wrap up warm

**With the great weather we've been having it would be easy to forget that, after the holiday, we will be returning to school in November. Please be aware that all children will be expected to have a coat in school, whether it be for breaktime or outdoor working.**

### Mill on the Brue

Mill on the Brue was great. We did lots of activities such as canoeing, rafting, high-all-aboard, zip-wire and many more fantastic activities.

The food was great. We all tried something new. We picked our own fresh vegetables and made apple juice.

We had a couple of nice days but on the not so nice days, it didn't spoil the fun.

The best bit for most people was falling in the freezing cold river!!

We all had a fantastic time and I am sure many people would like to go again.



Isabel Baker and  
Conor Pinnington  
- Year 6





Every week we have lots of shredded paper suitable for bedding for mice, hamsters, gerbils or guinea pigs.

If you have small animals come and take away some of our shredded paper for free.

Look on the notice board at the gate to see when it is available.

James Turley  
Pucklechurch Environment Club

**Advance Notice**

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

**Blackbirds Class Assembly**

This will be taking place at 10.35 tomorrow – 16<sup>th</sup> October. All parents/carers are welcome to attend.

**Primary and Secondary Admissions**

All applications for Primary and Secondary School entrance for September 2010 need to be sent to South Gloucestershire Council by NO LATER THAN 4.00pm on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October.

**Ballet/Tap Dancing**

Lessons take place in the school hall on Thursday's.

If you are interested, please contact Kerri on 0117 958 5225 or 07812168304.

**Ballet** 4.00 – 4.45    **Tap** 4.45 - 5.30

**Pucklechurch Kids Club**

Please read information attached about an exciting new after school club starting on the 11<sup>th</sup> November.

# PSA News

Don't Forget!

**Order your Gift Wrap before the half term holiday**

(Rollwrap from European Sustainable Forests)

**Our school will receive 22% cash back for every item sold.**

**All orders are appreciated, however small.**

# Community News

Boyd Valley and Bitton Safet and Strong Community Group Meeting

This group has been set up to support actions and initiatives that meet local needs. The next meetings for the group will be: Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> November – 7-9 pm at The Meadows Primary School, Bitton and Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> February 2010 – 7-9 pm at Wick and Abson Village Hall, Wick. All are welcome.

St Thomas a Becket welcomes all to the Church and over the autumn there are several events in which families can participate. We would love to see you at one or more of these events if you can make it.

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October – 6-8pm – There are still some places available at the Light Party! Parents can leave children with us but please ring Julie Gardner IN ADVANCE on 0117 3706514 to book a place. Children can dress up if they like (but no ghouls, ghosts or witches please – this is a Light Party!), take part in parachute games, create transparent key rings, play apple bobbing and munch the doughnut, dance, experience the Church decorated with fairy lights, hear why we call this a Light Party and eat all your favourite cold snacks! Hand the consent form to Julie, Chris or Hilary with your phone number, so we can contact you if your child needs you! See you there.

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November – 10.00am said Communion, 10.45 Remembrance Service - Remembrance Sunday - Remember those who have died in past wars and those who have lost their lives recently, especially in Afghanistan and Iraq. Forces families based in Emerson's Green are very welcome, including those with children at the school in Pucklechurch. Uniformed organisations present as usual (if you are a Brownie, Guide, Cub or Scout etc – this is you!).

Light Party Consent Form:

I agree that ----- (child's name/children's' names) may attend the light party on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October between 6 and 8 pm. I understand that it is my responsibility to ensure children reach Church and return home safely afterwards. I agree/disagree to ----- walking home alone at 8pm. Please provide an emergency contact number for your child ----- in case we need to ring you on the evening itself.

Signed

(Parent/Guardian)