



Newsletter

17th September 2009

Dear Parents and Carers and Children,

Lots of extra pieces of paper this week I'm afraid. Hopefully you will find them extremely useful. They do take quite a while to work out and we know that some of the details change but the aim is to give you as much of the big picture for the year as we can. In respect of clubs, we have a good range of activities again this year. Thankyou to the teachers for giving up their time for these. They are an important aspect of what we want to do at Pucklechurch, in terms of offering children opportunities to try things out. As always, if there are any parents who have a skill/interest that will interest/ benefit children then please get in touch. We are looking to expand what we can offer them beyond our limited pool of talents. Have a great week.

David Forrester

Emergency Contact Details

If any of your emergency contact details have changed since last term, could you please call into the office and collect a new form. It is imperative that we have up to date information for us to contact you in an emergency. Thank you.

School Dinners

Just a reminder that school dinners are now £1.60 per day and must be booked and paid for on the Monday morning. Please ensure the envelope clearly states which days of the week your child requires a meal.

Car Park

Please be aware that the school car park is for staff and visitors ONLY. All parents must park in Castle Road or surrounding area. This is also applicable to new Reception parents who are dropping off or collecting at lunchtime.

Could I also remind parents not to walk through the car park but use the path to the side. This is for the safety of all concerned.

Lost Glasses

A junior child has lost a pair of glasses somewhere in school. They have a dark red frame and wide arms with a pattern on. If you find them please take them to the school office. Thank you.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

A reminder that school will be closed tomorrow for our third INSET day.

Advance Notice

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

Molly Case

It is with great sadness that I have to inform parents and children that Molly will not be returning from her long lay-off due to illness.

Molly has been the cook at Pucklechurch for the past 12 years and she is very much part of the atmosphere and ethos of the school. She will not be easily replaced and certainly wont be forgotten for her great sense of humour, warmth of character and great generosity of spirit. I know all of the staff and children have missed her and will be extremely sorry that she is not coming back. I'm sure that you will want to join me in wishing her the very best in her return to full health, good luck for the future and to say a huge heartfelt "Thankyou Molly".

Help needed

Many thanks to those of you who have already given your names to the office with offers of help. We are still in need of help, particularly with regard to the school uniform. Here is a reminder of what help is needed.

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

You should have received today a list of 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. This information will be on our website and will be updated with any changes that are made throughout the year.



Clubs

Your child will have received a letter detailing which clubs are available for them to sign up for this year. Can you please ensure these are returned to the class teacher no later than Tuesday, 22nd September. Confirmation will then be sent out on Friday, 25th September if your child has been successful.

Film Club

Mrs Spencer will be running a film club this year. Details are being finalized but if there are any parents who would wish to help, please let the office know.

MESSAGE FROM CHURCH NEXT.

Thank you to all the children who attended the Holiday Activity Club this summer. The children and helpers contributed so much to the week and your endless energy, fun and commitment was fantastic. We all had such amazing fun, especially on Pirate day!

Some of you expressed an interest in exploring the themes and content of the holiday Club on a regular basis. So in response to this we are in the process of planning a set of meetings and events which would carry on the same vibe as the holiday Club but on a smaller scale. This might be an afterschool club and we are seeking interest in this idea. Emphasis would be on having great fun (similar to the holiday club) through the use of stories, arts and crafts, songs, conversation and prayer that would encourage your child's spiritual growth.

Please Email Rachel Goodchild on pr-goodchild@tiscali.co.uk if you would like information about other activities we do during the year.

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

Bag2School

By now your child should have come home with a Bag2School bag. Please feel free to fill it with any unwanted clothes, shoes, soft toys and other similar items. We can raise up to £400 for every tonne of clothes etc which has proved to be not only a great fundraiser for the school, but also a good excuse for a clear out at home!

Due to problems with storage we would ask that you only bring your bags to school on the morning of Friday 25th September and leave them just inside the school gate. **THEY WILL BE COLLECTED BY 9.15.**

If you need more bags there are some available from the school office or you can use any bags as long as they can be sealed in the event of rain! Please ask friends and family if they have any unwanted stuff and bring it along on 25th September.

If you would like more information on this company please take a look at their website www.bag2school.com

Community News

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival service at St Thomas a Beckett church is taking place on Sunday 27th September at 10.00am. We hope you will be able to join us.