

# 'Fearless Education'

## Newsletter



18<sup>th</sup> March 2010

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Yesterday we had the annual Governor's Day, when governors are in school to spend time talking with the children and staff about their experience of school. It is a chance to see how close the aims of the decisions they make match the reality on a daily basis for all in school. It was great to have them here and they certainly had a good time - including the school lunch! We are most grateful that we have governors who are able and willing to give this time to schools as part of their commitment to ensuring children are getting the best education we can possibly offer. It can sometimes be a thankless role but I know that staff really appreciate their efforts and I would like to say a huge thankyou to all governors for their support and commitment.

David Forrester

### Class of the Week



Robins made it to the top this week. *Well done!*

### 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 are still spaces and there is a slip at the bottom of this newsletter for you to return if your child would like to take part.



### Haiti Appeal

You are seeing our Chair of Governors in a light that you may not have done before.

Andy and Sam Woods ran 8 laps around the school field last Friday to help raise money for the Haiti Appeal.

They were cheered on (but not joined) by staff and children. We will let you how much they raised when all the money is collected.



### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Notice Board**

- Parents Meetings will be taking place next week.
- Could you please return your questionnaire to the school office or bring with you to your parents meeting appointment.
- KS2 Streetdance and Stomp workshops will take place at 3:15 and 4:15 on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Book your place by Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> March.
- Could you please ensure all dinner money is paid on a Monday morning.
- Swallows and Wagtails are holding a poetry morning on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March between 9-10 am. It is a chance for children to share their poems, an activity workshop for parents and a short performance by the children. Please send back your slip if you are able to attend.

# PSA News

## **Meal at The Star**

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

# Community News

## **SCARECROW COMPETITION**

*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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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**

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.