



'Fearless Education'



Newsletter

1st April 2010

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

There has been much to celebrate this term. Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to contribute to this; children, staff, parents, governors and the PSA. As befits the Spring season perhaps, there are also some exciting things that are beginning to take shape and which will very much occupy us over the coming term and beyond. In readiness for that I hope you all have a wonderful break and a chance to relax with friends and family. Happy Easter!

David Forrester

The Year 5 and 6 had an afternoon learning about the festival of Passover this week. They were led through a range of experiences by Mal Calladine, Andy Woods and Rachel Goodchild. Many thanks to them for such a great contribution to the children's learning. I'll leave the children to tell you about the rest of it.

The last supper was exciting but odd at the same time. We experienced what it was like to live in a Jewish family and celebrated The Passover. We tried different foods such as a herb dipped in salt water, egg with mayonnaise, horseradish (although some did not want to try it!) and unleavened bread. However, we did do what was traditional like pray. We all had different parts to prayers. The unleavened bread was very important because in Jesus' time the bread didn't have time to turn into proper bread. We also got our drink and sprinkled 10 dots onto our plate whilst saying 10 special words. We all learnt a special dance they do at the end of the celebration. At the end every family of 7 had 2 mini chocolate eggs each, whereas the winning table with the most points won a cream egg! Sadly it wasn't me!

Holly, Woodpeckers



The last supper was a very informative lesson. We learnt how the Jewish people back then lived and worshipped. We also ate some of the things people ate over 2000 years ago. Each of us were put into families of seven and we all had different roles. Every one of us learnt that there were four cups of wine, one piece of unleavened bread and parsley. For the Jewish people to be safe on the Passover night they had to draw the cross on the door in blood. It was very funny but above all it was interesting.

Conor, Woodpeckers

On the 29th March 2010, woodpeckers, kingfishers and nightingales sat down and had a meal as a tribute to Jesus. We had Passover juice and flat bread - only the brave hearted tried the horseradish sauce and those who did nearly passed out! We all enjoyed it and thought it was a great experience. We are all thankful to Mal Calladine and everyone who helped to organise it.

Holly, Woodpeckers

School Dinners

If your child is staying for school dinners next term, please ensure that payment is made on a Monday morning in an envelope with your child's name, class and days they are staying. Daily meals cost £1.60 each. If you would like to pay for the term the cost will be £44.80. A menu for the year was sent home with your child this week.

Class of the week

Wow - not only did Robins come in top of the tree for attendance this week but they did it in style with an amazing 100%. Congratulations everyone.



Breakfast Club

Fee's for next term's breakfast club will be £20 for 5 days and £15 for 3 days. Please make cheques payable to Pucklechurch Primary School.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday, 19th April – Term restarts
- Monday, 19th April – guitar lessons start
- Friday, 23rd April – Nightingales Class Assembly at 9.05 am
- Friday, 23rd April – Grandparents afternoon for Reception children
- Sunday, 2nd and Monday, 3rd May – Scarecrow Trail
- Friday, 7th May - Swallows class assembly at 9.05 am
- Week Commencing 10th May – Year 6 SATs
- Friday, 21st May – Wagtails class assembly at 9.05 am
- Thursday, 27th May – PSA Summer Fete – watch out for more details
- Friday, 28th May – INSET Day 5
- Term re-starts Monday, 7th June.
- All Summer term clubs will re-start week commencing 26th April

VALUES

We saw the school value of Creativity being demonstrated in school this week when Alana Mansfield shared her ideas for a Spring dance and Charlotte Collette created an owl as part of her learning with clay. Congratulations to them both.

KS2 SATs

You may be aware that there is currently a campaign regarding the implementation of KS2 SATs. The National Association of Head Teacher (NAHT) and the National Union of Teachers (NUT) are balloting relevant members on whether they will take action in support of a motion not to implement the 2010 SATs for Y6 children and so provide the government with the information for its annual league tables. We have written to Y6 parents separately but would wish all parents in the school to know that if the ballot is in favour of not implementing the tests then we as a school will support this. If any parents wish to discuss this with us by all means ask to speak to your child's class teacher or myself.

Rebuilding the school

The Planning Application for the partial rebuild of the school is available for parents to view at: <http://planning.southglos.gov.uk/> and search for reference PK10/0526/R3F. If you wish to view the details and write a short email in support of the re-build to PlanningApplications@southglos.gov.uk that would be great! So far we have communicated with neighbours to arrange a meeting in order that we can meet them to share fully the issues that concern them. The contractors were appointed yesterday and Governors will now be meeting with them to plan effective information sessions for parents that will include the issues around how it impacts on / benefits learning, health & Safety of children and adults during the build and the actual positives of the final results that we are aiming to achieve for the children and the community. Dates for these will be communicated early next term.

PSA News

PSA Meeting

The next PSA meeting will take place on Tuesday, 20th April at 7.15 pm. We will be starting to discuss our next big fund raiser which be the Summer Fete. All are welcome.

Thank you

Thank you to Sarah Frankcom for pulling together another fantastic evening at The Star last week. She helped to raise an amazing £242 for PSA. Thank you to all of you who attended.

Community News

EASTER DAY FUN!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Pucklechurch invites you to an afternoon of fun Easter activities at Pucklechurch Primary School. Activities include an **Easter egg hunt, games, treasure hunt, storytelling and refreshments and of course, loads of chocolate!!!!!!!!!!**

Start time is **3.00PM – 4.30PM**

on **SUNDAY 4TH APRIL**. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Further information can be obtained from Debbie Woods on 9373656 or Rachel Goodchild on 3039190

Ms Hucker (mum of Owen and Nicole) has hired a Hummer limosine for the last day of term and has a few spaces left. If you are interested could you please contact her on 07791908985.

Coming Soon

New adult circuit class starting at Pucklechurch Primary School. Will start on Wednesday, 5th May in the School Hall from 7pm-8pm. Interested? Call Jenny Moon on 07969801674 to book your place.

St Thomas à Beckett Church Services

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.