

# Newsletter

1<sup>st</sup> October 2009

Dear Parents and Carers and Children,

Quite simply thank you for your generosity and kindness in donating to our Harvest Festival this year. The amount and the care that some of you had taken was very heartening. You will see some pictures and thoughts from the Y6 children who took the collection to the Homefield Centre in the village to share with elderly residents. It was a truly rewarding experience for the children and myself to see the gratitude and pleasure that sharing gives to others. Long may it continue. Best wishes for a super week.

David Forrester

## Letters to parents

As we advised you in July, we are now uploading all general letters to parents onto our web site in order help you to keep up to date with all that is happening. Letters will also be sent to you automatically if you have signed up to receive your newsletter by email.

If you have not yet signed up to receive your newsletter via email, please let us know and we will add you to the list.

## Governors

We have two parent-governor vacancies. Details have been sent to you along with the latest Governors newsletter which gives more detail about the role of Governors in the school.

## Banned Bands

You may be aware that we have asked children not to wear the wrist bands that have become the latest rage. After trying to give a little leeway on the rules regarding jewellery we have found ourselves inundated with them. In addition there have been growing concerns about the background stories that are circulating as to the definitions of these bands. Whilst the majority are less aware of these it is clearly the right time to stop children wearing them in school. It is of course for parents to decide whether they think it appropriate for them to be worn at other times but I would suggest a conversation with your child about them if you are not sure what to do.

## Notice Board!

### Guitar Lesson

There will be no guitar lessons on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2009

### **Advance Notice**

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

### French Lessons

There will be no 'La Jolie Ronde' French lessons on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

### Harmonica Lesson

**There will be no Harmonica lesson on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

### 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

**Tag Rugby** – A reminder that there is no Tag Rugby on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October. We will meet again on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October 3.15-4.15pm



## Class of the Week

**Its' back. As the first few weeks are now done with the usual changes and initial hiccups, we are recognising classes for attendance levels once again. Last year's overall winners were Kestrels so they are the reigning champions. Is your class going to knock them off their perch and win this year? What will you do to try and make sure you do? Are you going to be the first winners of the year next week? Good luck!**

## Out and About in the Community

Last Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September we went to the Homefield centre at 11.00am to share the Harvest food with some of the elderly people from the village.

It was exciting going there. It was fun to meet all the people that we have never met before.



*Jess and Libby meet Molly and June.*

We got to listen to all their tales from their lives. It was just a good feeling to share things with people. They were really grateful for the food, the time, the chance to talk and for being interested in them.

It was really worthwhile and everyone enjoyed it. We think they had fun too. Oh yes – we got to have a drink and a biscuit too! We think it would be really important to do more things like this that help people in the community. It is also a really good learning experience for us.



*A quick sing song always goes down well!*

Tom Ross and Georgia Tucker

# PSA News

## AUCTION NIGHT

Thank you to everyone who came to this event, and to all the PSA Members who helped to arrange it. Special Thanks must go to Angela Kenway who wrote 130 letters over the Summer holidays to get all the goods and promises for the auction and who coordinated the whole event, her husband Nick who kindly donated many goods himself, and to Neil and Dan who were the entertaining Auctioneers. Overall, we have made approx £2000 profit for the school which is phenomenal, and to all the people who attended thank you for your generosity!

## GIFT WRAP Fundraising

Tomorrow, your child will be bringing home a Gift Wrap booklet. We do this every year to raise money for the school so please have a look at it! Even though, you may not have time to attend all the PSA events we hold, if you could just spend £3 on 1 roll of the quality gift wrap, this would raise 66p for the school from you! Imagine what we could raise if every parent did this! If you do decide to order, please return your form to the school office by Friday 23rd October! Thanks!

# Community News

## Photography Exhibition

The Pucklechurch Revel 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Bob Stone memorial photography Exhibition will be taking place on Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> October from 10 am – 1 pm in the Village Hall.

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.

Sunday October 4<sup>th</sup> – 3pm – Messy Church on the theme of Autumn. A relaxed, non-traditional service, with music by Kevin on guitar and arts and crafts activities for children of primary school age. Older children welcome to come and help. Parents are encouraged to stay for our famous home baked cakes, coffee and chat – just turn up – no booking required!

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October – evening – Harvest Supper in Church – we sit down to a meal and social evening together – long tables, food and wine available – meet others in the village- bring your friends and make it an evening to remember – tickets available from Mrs Trueman on 0117 937 3134. We need to know numbers beforehand, so please ask for tickets in advance.

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October – 6-8pm - We are repeating last year's very popular evening Light party for children of primary age (older children welcome to come and help). Parents can leave children with us on this occasion but must fill in the consent form below and give it to Julie Gardner, Chris Moore, Hilary Long or Rosaline Trueman in advance so that we can cater for the children and abide with child protection policy. We have a limit of 60 children this year. Children can dress up if they like (but no ghouls, ghosts or witches please – this is a Light Party!), take part in parachute games, dance, experience the Church decorated with fairy lights, hear why we call this a Light Party and eat all your favourite cold snacks! Please book well in advance to secure your place on 0117 370 6514.

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!).

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## 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)