



'Fearless Education'



Newsletter

24th June 2010

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Well the Summer has truly arrived. Wonderful weather and a good time being had by all. The Revel was a great success for school individually but more so for the village as a whole. Congratulations to the organisers for a super event. With the properly warm weather it is important to remember the basics of hat, sun screen and water bottles for your child each day. These should get most children through the day without being overly troubled. If your children are going on a trip in the near future then please do ensure they have any medicines that they may need. Have a great week. See you at the KS2 performance if you are able to be there

David Forrester

Class of the week



Kingfishers knocked Robins off the perch this week to make it to the top. Well done!

Speaking out

Much appreciation to our Y6 volunteers for coming back to the New Parents evening last night, where they shared some of their thoughts about school.

Thank you to Jessica, Georgia, Emily, Emily and James.

PSA congratulations

Big congratulations to all of the PSA for the success of their fundraising at the fete. To have raised over £2,500 is a truly fantastic result. Many thanks to all those of you who were able to support on the day too. It gives us a great start towards our aims for improving the outdoor environment for the children

VALUES

Well done to the following children for demonstrating our values this week:

Jake (Woodpeckers) showed great **Integrity** in offering to help other children to complete a task that they were not sure they could do.

Jake and Fraser (Nightingales) were wonderfully **Creative** when working on their robotics as was James for his clever design of a sail boat in Science.

South America!

If you have tickets for next week we will see you at 7pm. The performance runs at about an hour, so if you are picking children up it should be possible to collect them from the classroom between 8 – 8.15pm

Champions!

No, not the football! If you were out and about at the Revel last Saturday you may have noticed the school float. It was full of children from Reception and was completely decorated with their work on the theme of 'Celebration'. Despite a good effort by the rain on Friday night to scupper our entry, all the hard work of the children, Debbie Woods, Sarah Hedges and the ingenuity of Claire (Debbie's sister!) could not be denied. The only fair result was our float being crowned the winner. A great reward for the efforts of the team. Congratulations to all! Thank you to all those of you who gave us a wave and a cheer on the day. It was much appreciated.

Next steps

This is always a sad time of year, when we are coming close to saying goodbye to so many children that have become a real part of life in school but it is also when we see colleagues taking the next step in life too.

Mrs Chrissie Spencer who has been the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator for the past 14 years has decided that it is time to retire. She will be greatly missed by the children, parents and staff for her care and consideration for each individual child she has worked with.

Also retiring this year is Mrs Sharon Russell. It's almost impossible to imagine children starting their life in Pucklechurch Primary School without her guiding hand. With her ever welcoming smile, patience and wonderfully calm manner, she has been an integral part of the work done in the Early Years for the last 28 years. It is often said but truly, this school will not be the same without her.

Mrs Pat Croxton has been 'serving' our children at lunchtime for over 20 years and is moving on to enjoy her new family as she has recently become a grandma.

I'm sure all of you would wish to join us in wishing them all a fantastic 'next step'.

Those of you who are particularly observant may have noticed Mrs Mounter is happily expecting. Our very best wishes go to her and her husband. Mrs Mounter will be starting her maternity leave at the beginning of September.

Library

We are looking for any parent who thinks they may be interested in helping to develop the library for us. In the first instance we have the librarian from Mangotsfield Secondary School coming to work with small groups of Y5 children on Tuesday 13th July. If you think you may be able to work with another parent on an occasional basis to support our school librarians then please contact Mrs Hayes in Robins or Mrs Westacott in the office.

Advance Notice

Hilary Long (Joshua's mum) will be holding a Phoenix card sale after school on Thursday, 8th July. Why not stock up for the summer.

School Clubs

Please note that due to the school performance next week clubs will be limited to:

Monday: Lego club
Tuesday: Multi sports
Wednesday: Lego club

Rebuild

We had a first meeting for parents on Monday afternoon 21st June, regarding details of the partial rebuild that starts at the end of term. We will be sharing the main points with you shortly in case you were unable to make the time.

School Vouchers

The time has come for us to count our school vouchers to send off for the much valued resources we are able to secure with these schemes. If you still have any Tesco or Sainsbury's vouchers hidden away in the depths of your bags/purses can you let the office have them by Wednesday, 1st July at the latest.

Many thanks.

PSA News

Barn Dance

We are holding a Barn Dance at the Community Hall on Saturday, 10th July to raise money for the School's regeneration, but unfortunately we have had very little response for tickets. If you are interested please buy your tickets from the school office by Wednesday, 1st July so that we can get an idea of numbers. We have a band and caller booked so obviously want to cover the costs. If there is not enough interest we will unfortunately have to cancel the event.

Request

For the KS2 performance next week we are in need of some blenders to help with the food contribution. If you have one that you are happy to lend to the school for the week, could you please let either Sarah Hedges know or leave a message with the school office.

Class Photo's

Due to popular demand, we are going to order more copies of the class photo's that were sold at the summer fete. If you still want to purchase one, can you please call into the office. Closing date is Wednesday, 1st July. No orders will be placed after this date. Photo's cost £3.50 each. Payment with order please.

Community News

Village News

On Sunday 4th July there will be a Car Treasure Hunt starting from the school to an unknown destination. This is part of the Revel Celebrations. Booking forms are available from the School Office and Mike Walker's Newsagents. The cost per car is £5.00 and there will be clues for all ages to find. Come and join us for a fun afternoon exploring the villages and towns around Pucklechurch. There will be prizes for the winning car and also for the losers. All welcome.