



# Newsletter

24<sup>th</sup> September 2009

Dear Parents and Carers and Children,

Our key event this week is Harvest Festival, where we will be listening to the thoughts and ideas of the children in a sharing assembly. I thank you in advance for the kindness of your donations and ask that they are brought in to the hall at the start of school, where they will be put on display for the morning. This year we will be sharing the donations with members of the local community. Y6 children will be going out on Friday to meet some of the local residents and share the food with them. If you are aware of an elderly resident who may be grateful of a little support then please do not hesitate to contact the office with a name, address and phone number. We will then arrange for the children to deliver some of the food.

David Forrester

## School Dinners

Can I remind you once again that we are getting several parents still paying for dinners at different times of the week. Due to the administration involved and banking of school dinner money it is imperative that all school meals are paid for on Monday morning. Money must be in a sealed envelope with your child's name, class, amount enclosed and number of days. This should then be given to the class teacher. Many thanks in anticipation of your help in this matter.

## Harmonica Lesson

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

## Advance Notice

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

## Lost Scooter

A pink scooter has gone missing from the scooter stands. Could you please check your child's scooter and if you find you have the wrong one or have two in error, please pass to the office as soon as possible. Many thanks.

## Dogs on School Premises

**Please be aware that dogs are not allowed on the school premises. This is a South Gloucestershire policy. The only exception to this would be guide dogs.**

## Rainbow Uniform - For Sale

Trousers, T-shirt, fleece. Brand new – worn once - £20.  
Tel: 07774360350

## Clubs

Your child will receive a letter tomorrow confirming if they have been successful in joining one of our many after school activity clubs. We have tried to offer your child their first choice but where clubs have been vastly oversubscribed we have offered their second or third choice. Please contact the teachers concerned at the end of a school day if you have any queries.

## 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.

## 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

In January 1<sup>st</sup> Pucklechurch Brownies took photos of their day at school to compare their lives with those of girls living in Liberia. They organised an exhibition of the photos and sold them to family and friends with the proceeds going to Plan International. As part of this 'change the World' Badge the photos were entered into a National competition, one of the photos was awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> prize and one was highly commended. These photos will be on show at the Association of Photographers Gallery in London but you can also see them at the Revel photo exhibition in the community centre on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October well done to all the Brownies who took part!



# PSA News

## PSA Auction of Goods and Promises

The PSA Auction of Goods and Promises will be held tomorrow at 7.30pm in the school hall. Tickets are still available from the school office or Mike Walkers newsagents at £1.50 per person. Tickets are also available on the door. Please come along, bring your friends and family and grab some great Christmas presents. Amongst many items for auction, there will be a 22" LCD TV with built in FreeView and DVD player, 2 tickets for England v Belarus game at Wembley Stadium on 18<sup>th</sup> October, a meal for 2 at Say Pasta in Emerson's Green, tickets for the Bristol Boat Ferry Company, the Roman Baths, Cattle Country and many, many more fantastic items. There will be a bar available.

If you need any further details, please call into the office or call Angela Kenway (Archie's mum) on 07971301540. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Bag2School

A reminder that Bag2School will be collected BY 9.15 TOMORROW. Please feel free to fill your bag with any unwanted clothes, shoes, soft toys and other similar items.

Please leave your bags just inside the school gate.

# Community News

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 27<sup>th</sup> September - 10am – Traditional Harvest Festival. Bring your produce to lay at the altar (garden produce, flowers, in date tins etc), give thanks for the good things in life, sing traditional harvest hymns and hear about the link between our Church and Uganda.

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)

