

Newsletter

26th February 2010

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Spring is in the air - but it is still cold and wet on most days so please can you make sure that children bring coats and hats at least. They still won't be allowed on the playground without them. If it is particularly warm one day then they will have the chance not to wear it but they must have it in school. This will be the situation until after Easter.

The theme for assembly this term is Thankfulness and this links to the SEAL theme that children are studying in class which is 'Good to be Me'. Our starting point has been positive thinking about ourselves and what we have in life.

Apologies for the delay with this newsletter. We had a few technology gremlins yesterday.

David Forrester

Flowers for Revel

We have been asked by St Thomas à Beckett Church if we would like to enter a floral display for the Flower Festival during the weekend of June 12th/13th.

Ms White and Mrs Mounter will be producing this for us and would be very grateful for offers of help or donations of flowers. Please contact the office if you are able to help.

Earrings

Could we please remind parents that children should not be wearing jewellery at school. The official policy is:

[Jewellery should not be worn]The only exception to this is small, round stud earrings. This should be limited to one in each ear.

Entrance to school

Could parents and children please be aware of the rules regarding scooters and bicycles when arriving at or leaving school. Some of the smaller children in particular are being frightened by inconsiderate riding or just children simply running.

The simplest way is to stick to the rules which are that there should be no riding of anything or running around the school.

Notice Board

- Lost -A black and silver digital watch made by Shark was lost at the end of last term. If you find it could you please hand it in to the office. Many thanks.
- Could you please ensure that all earrings are removed on PE days – in particular in KS1.
- Tag Rugby Club cannot be run on Monday 1st March next week but will be running on Thursday 4th March instead. Apologies for the late change.

Lunchtime:

An apology from Mrs Orchard in the kitchen today. A loose cable caused a blown fuse in the equipment which meant she was unable to provide 'fries' for the KS1 children. She was able to fix the problem in time to provide them for KS2 children but is very sorry that the children did not get their meal as on the menu.

Class of the Week



Unprecedented! Falcons have delivered three weeks on the trot. A very special hurrah to you. Is there no one to challenge them

Book Fair and World Book Day

Our Annual Book Fair has arrived today. It will run each evening from 3.15 – 3.45pm until Wednesday, 3rd March.

Please take the time to visit with your child. The commission raised during the fair will be given to each class in the form of actual books from the fair.

World Book Day takes place on Thursday, 4th March. Details are below.

World Book Day

- ✓ The children will not be dressing up for World Book Day this year. The focus is very much on the reading and sharing of books.
- ✓ Each child is asked to bring in a favourite book that they will share in some way in class.
- ✓ There will be a book exchange (not your favourite book!) taking place in the afternoon. You must bring a book to swap to be able to take part.
- ✓ Storytime will take place around the school at 11.30am when children can choose which story they want to listen to.

Values

This week certificates have been awarded to:

Nicole for showing great responsibility for her own and others' learning in numeracy.

Laura for showing great compassion through friendship towards a new child in school.

Mrs Kim Jones, who is the teaching assistant with Swallows, was awarded a certificate for the compassion she shows to all children when dealing with their injuries.

Congratulations on helping us to see our values in action.

PSA News

Disco Fever – Saturday, 13th March 2010

Tickets are now on sale for the Parents Fancy Dress Disco – places are limited so please buy your ticket from the school office or Mike Walker's newsagent to avoid disappointment. Raffle Prize donations would be greatly appreciated for the night. Tickets cost £5 each.

Meal at The Star

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

Invitation Books

Many thanks to all of those who bought Invitation Books. If you have not yet returned your book, please do so immediately so that we can finalise the total amount raised. Thank you especially to Sarah Hedges for organising it all.

Bag2School

By now your child should have come home with a Bag2School bag. Please feel free to fill it with any unwanted clothes, shoes, soft toys and other similar items. We can raise up to £400 for every tonne of clothes etc which has proved to be not only a great fundraiser for the school, but also a good excuse for a clear out at home!

Due to problems with storage we would ask that you only bring your bags to school on the morning of Thursday 11th March and leave them just inside the school gate. They will be collected by 09.15.

If you need more bags there are some available from the school office or you can use any bags as long as they can be sealed in the event of rain! Please ask friends and family if they have any unwanted stuff and bring it along on 11th March.

If you would like more information on this company please take a look at their website www.bag2school.com

Phoenix Cards

Mrs Hilary Long (Joshua's mum) will be selling Phoenix cards at the book fair on Monday, 1st and Tuesday, 2nd March. Please come along and have a look. 10% of profits will go towards the PSA.

Community News

Cricket

Pucklechurch Cricket Club "Under 11's" Indoor Cricket Training starts Sunday, 7th March from 10.30 – 12.00 in Pucklechurch Village Hall.

Suitable for school years 3 – 6 inclusive.

Please contact Simon Hedges on 0117 937 2148 for more details.

Cheese and Pineapple Productions

Jason Gregg is an independent filmmaker, looking for children from **this** area to film at the Village Hall Car Park, on a Sunday evening in the next 2 or 3 weeks. The film will be called 'Follyan Woods' and could possibly be entered into a competition in America. If you are interested in finding out more information about the film company, to view the first cut of the film 'Follyan Woods' or contact Jason Gregg, please view the website www.cheeseandpineapple.org.uk

Pucklechurch Sports Youth Football Club

We currently have 4 teams playing in local league and cup competitions, the youngest of which plays in the under-11 category, and we are looking for anyone who is interested to help set up a new team for one of the younger age groups.

We are an FA Charter Standard registered club and our club officials will help with the organisational details needed with setting up a new team.

If you are interested to find out more, please contact Chris Boyle (0117 937 2838) or Tim Newport (0117 937 3237).

"St Thomas a Becket Church welcomes everyone to all services and activities.

Special Events/Festivals:

Lent Course (For adults and older teenagers who would like to find out more about the Christian faith: Lent is the Church season of 40 days in the run up to Easter. Jesus went into the wilderness for 40 days to decide what sort of a ministry He would lead. Christians use His example of a 40 day period to reflect on what sort of lives we lead now and how Jesus' example can inspire our lives today. The course this year, run by Stuart, will be based on Gordon Giles's book on food associated with the Bible. (For example, Jesus is described as the "Bread of Life" – what does this mean for us today?). It is to be held on the following dates, all at 7.30 pm in the vicarage (near Hero's hairdressers on Westerleigh Road).

Wednesday 24th February

Thursday 4th March

Wednesday 17th March

Thursday 1st April

Come along to as many as you can manage