



# 'Fearless Education'



## Newsletter

29<sup>th</sup> April 2010

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We have finally had the last pieces of our ICT network linked up as a Wireless Network. This means that we are now able to order a set of laptops for the KS2 children to use in school as part of their classroom learning, rather than being limited to time available in the ICT suite. This should have a big impact on the ICT opportunities that children have over the coming year and we are very excited to see how they will be able to make the most of it. May I remind any Y6 parents in particular but also any parents who are interested, that there is a meeting at Bromley Heath Junior School this evening at 6.30pm regarding the SATs boycott. The weather forecast for the weekend isn't great but I hope you have a good time.

David Forrester

### Home Access

As part of it's drive to give all children and families access to a computer and internet access at home the government has a programme in place called *Home Access*. This is essentially a package that will supply you with either of the following:

1. 1 year's Internet Access only.
2. A computer – including service and support only.
3. Full package: which includes 1 and 2 above.

Eligibility for any of these packages is based on income. To apply you must be the parent or guardian of and living with, a child who:

- Is in Year 3-6 in Primary school (or Year 7 -9 in Secondary).
- Is eligible for Free School Meals
- Is named on your Child Benefit award letter
- Has never had a computer through the Computers for Pupils or Home Access programmes.

If you are interested the next step is to ring:

*Home Access Grant Helpline* on **0333 200 1004**

(Monday – Friday 8.00 am-8.00pm / Saturday 9.00am-1.00pm)

They will check your eligibility over the phone so have any reference numbers and letters that you may need. If you are eligible you will receive an application pack for one of the packages described above. We would encourage anyone who is able to receive this support to do so as it will make a big difference to those things you can access and will also be a big support to your child's learning.

### VALUES

We have had some great examples of the values that we promote in school this week. We would like to recognise Matthew (Y6) for a superb attitude to his learning that shows real **Integrity**. Jack (Y1) demonstrated **Compassion** in his kindness towards an injured classmate Libby is a wonderful example of the **Trust** needed between adults and children in school, being always attentive, ready to listen and learn. Chloe has been recognised for the **Respect** she showed towards a classmate when considering how she might feel and what the class could do to help with that.



### Uniform

*Please could parents be sure that children are wearing the full uniform to school. There have been a number of children wearing non-school sweatshirts and shoes in particular. If any parent is unclear as to the guidance on uniform then please ask at the office where they will be happy to give you a copy. If there is a valid reason for a temporary alternative there should be a note to the teacher in HASP books. Please ensure any alternatives are neutral colours and do not carry logos / messages that are not appropriate for all ages of children in school. Lost property is still overflowing and most items can be located with a search.*

### Help needed

*As part of getting school ready for builders in July we are upgrading the Elliot building that currently houses the After School Club. We therefore have to move the furniture out and into the Nest on Friday Afternoon 14<sup>th</sup> May. If anyone would be available to help Mr Hanks between 1 – 3pm it would be very much appreciated. Please contact the office and leave your name.*

### Class of the week



Swallows were our top birds for attendance last week. Well done!

# Community News

## Pucklechurch Majorettes

On Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> April 8am – 6 pm at Patchway Sports centre, the Pucklechurch Majorettes took part in a competition. They came 3<sup>rd</sup> in Military routine, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Pom poms, 3<sup>rd</sup> in Twirling.

The younger troupe (mostly Reception and Year 1 children) joined the competition in the afternoon and came 3<sup>rd</sup> place in pom poms. It was the first time the little ones had competed.

Also 3 girls won rosettes for individual basic strut. Macey Marshall came 2<sup>nd</sup>, Chloe Rawlins 11<sup>th</sup> and Missy Bessell 12<sup>th</sup>.

Well done everyone!

## Coming Soon

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

## Safety Check

If you had a report card for car safety might it read 'could do better'? The chances are it would, as eight out of ten child car seats aren't fitted correctly. Avon Fire & Rescue Service has teamed up with Mothercare and Britax to provide free child seat checks at Kingswood Fire Station on Tenniscourt Road, Bristol, on Monday 24 May between 10am and 1pm.

Come along on the day to get free advice from child seat experts as well as road safety tips from firefighters.

If you would like more information visit [www.avonfire.gov.uk](http://www.avonfire.gov.uk) or contact:

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## St Thomas à Beckett Church Services

"St Thomas a Becket Church welcomes everyone to all services and activities. Children of all ages are always welcome as well as their parents and grandparents. Here is a list of our regular activities and some of the special events and festivals over the coming months. Do feel free to come along or if you would like to find out more, ask Chris Moore (Rebecca's Mum in Yr 4) or Julie Gardner (Hannah's Mum in Yr 3) or ring Stuart Young (our vicar) on 0117 937 2260.

Get ready for some fun packed social events at St Thomas a Becket in May!

1. This weekend is a major fundraising event – the scarecrows are coming! Come to church at 11.30 on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May or 10.30 on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May to pick up your Scarecrow trail map – entry prices are £5.00 family ticket (two adults and up to 3 children), £2.00 per adult and £1.00 per child. Follow the trail and guess the names of 60 different fairytale characters. It's a wonderful community event that brings people together. There's lots to see and do at church too – jewellery and handbag stalls, cards, new and second hand books, ceramic making for children, craft making for children, sandwiches, cakes, cream teas and more! Support you local church so that St Thomas can continue to witness to Christ for years to come!
2. May 9<sup>th</sup> – Beating the bounds. – Find out where the boundary of our parish lies by walking its length and picnicking on the way! Meet at church at 12.00pm, bring a packed lunch and wear good walking shoes/wellies. Finish at 3pm. (You can stop half way and return home easily)
3. May 16<sup>th</sup> – Church Youth group activity – climbing in Bristol. Meet at 2.30pm @ the vicarage – specifically for year 6+. Pre-booking is absolutely necessary, limited places available – first come first served – please ring Chris Moore on 937 3337 if you would like to come
4. May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Messy Church – calling all primary aged children! Meet at church at 3.00pm for games, arts and crafts, singing and the chance to find out a bit more about God.
5. June 20<sup>th</sup> – Church Youth group activity – book the date in your diary for a bbq.