

# Newsletter

8<sup>th</sup> October 2009

Dear Parents and Carers and Children,

The rain may be falling but the children are still smiling! Latest reports from Mill on the Brue reveal that the children have been having a wonderful time picking vegetables and making apple juice. I'm sure they will have learnt many new skills and made some firm friendships by the end of the week. We look forward to the children's safe return this Friday. Well done to our well behaved Reception children who have been staying for lunch this week. We have been very impressed with your behaviour and table manners! "I like the jacket potatoes, carrots and yogurt. I have a happy time with my friends Polly and Inigo."

Best Wishes

Annie Smart

## Sainsbury's Vouchers

Many thanks to all of you who sent in your Sainsbury's vouchers. A very large delivery of resources has just arrived. We will let you know just what we have been able to purchase at a later date.

## A polite reminder

I would like to remind you that cycling and scooting is not permitted within the school gates. Last week, an Infant child was knocked over by an over enthusiastic cyclist. Please help us to look after the safety of all children.

## Parents Evenings

You should by now have received your letter to sign up for Parent's evenings. Please ensure you return your slip to the class teacher as soon as possible.

## Notice Board!

### Advance Notice

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

### 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

## Robins and Owls

We read Little Red Hen as we were thinking about Harvest Time. In the story Little Red Hen finds some wheat and wants to make some bread so we decided to try making our own bread. We had lots of fun, especially mixing up the gooey dough. The bread was delicious. We ate it with butter and jam – yummy!



## CAULIFLOWER CARDS

Please could you return all orders for Cauliflower Cards to your child's class teacher by tomorrow (**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October**) so that they can be sent back in time for the Christmas posting. For every pack of cards purchased the school will receive £1 plus 50p for every pack of tags and you will have a unique piece of artwork to send to family and friends. If your child has any siblings that want to produce their own artwork please give me a call on 9374542. Please make cheques payable to Pucklechurch School Association.

# PSA News

## FIREWORK NIGHT

Our annual Firework Night will take place on Saturday 7th November. You can order your tickets through the school office until Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October by returning the reply slip on the flyer sent out with this newsletter. Thereafter you can get them from Mike Walkers newsagents. We are in need of helpers for the BBQ, Stewards and the entrance gate. Please ring Kate on 07789 070073 or leave your details with the office.

## GIFT WRAP Fundraising

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 23<sup>rd</sup> October! Thanks!

## PSA 100 club

It's not too late to sign up for the PSA 100 club. Pick up a form from the office. Winners for September were:

- 1st Ann Smith
- 2nd Jane Taylor
- 3rd Sarah Hedges

## PSA AGM

This will take place on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October from 3.15 – 3.45. We need a minimum of 15 people in order to vote so please put the date in your diary.

# 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. Also an exhibition of photographs from the local camera group. Come along and have a cup of coffee and a chat.

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 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!).

## 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)