



'Fearless Education'



Newsletter

13th October 2011



Dear Parents, Carers and children,

Some extremely important feedback. 'Your children are absolutely wonderful'. That is what one of the inspectors said when we were discussing the learning in classrooms and the ability they are developing to talk about themselves as learners. The report is yet to be published but you should just about get it before we break up on Thursday 21st October next week. I just think it is very important that you know experienced visitors recognise the skills your children have, which is a great credit to them. Have a great week and a super break if you intend to go away. Remember we are back to school on Wednesday 2nd November – when we will have Bonfire Night upon us. See you there!

David Forrester

New Parents Coffee Sessions

We will be holding two new parents coffee sessions.

The first will be on Monday 17th October at 2pm. The second session will be held on Thursday 20th October at 9.15am and you are welcome to go straight into the parents room after dropping your child off at school. These sessions will give you a chance to meet other parents and for us to answer any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing you.

St Thomas a Becket Light Party

Come along and join Roly the Clown at the St Thomas a Becket Light party on Thursday, 20th October (last day of term) from 3.30 to 5.30pm. Roly is performing from 3.40 – 4.40. He will be telling stories and making us laugh with the aid of a low wire, a collapsible bicycle and some water! Then there will be some party food/snacks, parachute and balloon games, a rousing rendition of Shine Jesus Shine and light sticks to take home. Get your permission slip back to the school office by 9am on Monday, 17th October. Places are limited to 50 so any slips received above this will be put on a waiting list. The children will meet in the school hall by Roly at 3.10pm and escorted to the church, alternatively you can walk them over yourself. Parents are welcome to stay if they wish. Please collect your child from the church at 5.30 pm. If you have any questions, please ring Julie Gardner (Hannah's Mum Y5/6) on 0117 370 6514. We look forward to seeing everyone there. Many thanks.

Ch- ch- ch- changes

On Tuesday 2nd November, when you return to school we will be half way through the handover of Part 1. The main school entrance will be restored and we will have internal passage through the school. This is a massive step for us and will help to restore the sense of whole school community. I'm sure that you as parents are also looking forward to a much shorter journey to the office!

You should also see an improved play area on the KS1 playground. This is part of the ongoing improvements we are trying to make to the outdoor environment to ensure the children have as positive a playtime as possible.

Please note the building will be continuing and we will still have a significant amount of work to be finished off when we return. It is then likely to move onto Part 2 as long as that work, currently being discussed and finalised, is given the final go ahead. Whilst it means continuing disruption it does bring us closer to the final building we need and one that the children deserve!



In a state of 'Grace'

The fundraising that has been led by Mrs MacLeod and the children in aid of the Grace School in Uganda is proving to be a very rewarding link. The funds are being directly passed on so that they get the full benefit of all we are able to raise. These are a couple of pictures they have sent through that shows the staff and the buildings they have got so far. The latest funds we have sent through will enable them to put roofs on the buildings. It puts our rebuild into perspective and demonstrates just how important our support is.



Yr 6 School Camp - Mill on the Brue

Reminder to all Year 6 parents/carers that the Mill on the Brue assembly by Year 6 children will take place next Thursday 20th October at 9:30 am in the school hall. Further details of the events and activities experienced by the children will be reported in the next newsletter.

PSA News

Bag2School – TOMORROW 14TH OCTOBER

PLEASE PUT YOUR BAGS JUST INSIDE THE SCHOOL GATES NEXT TO THE CAR PARK BY 8.45 AM READY FOR COLLECTION AT 9.00 AM.

Firework Evening – Saturday, 5th November

Return your order to the school office by Thursday, 20th October in order to take advantage of your discounted price. Tickets will be issued after half term. Tickets will only be available from Mike Walkers newsagents after this date.

Gift Wrap Fundraiser

You should have received your Northbrook gift wrap brochure. The PSA receive 22% cash back on every item sold. Get your order back to the school office by Thursday, 20th October.

Community News

Tower Playgroup Bingo Night

Thursday 20th October from 7.30pm at Pucklechurh Prison Club. There will be a raffle and ‘Key of Fortune’! Come along, have fun and support us.

Calling all parents and Staff

I am running the Chipping Sodbury Slog on November 13th. It is a nine and a half mile run through deep mud, up and down hills, in the rain – basically it lives up to its name – it is a slog. I am really excited about it and hope to raise £2000. £1000 will go towards art projects in the village, with your children, the school and the youth and another £1000 will go towards the organisation 16-25 Independent People. I have done some work with them in the past and they are passionate about getting the youth off the streets and back into everyday life. I have been training hard and I will complete the race!

If anyone is interested in sponsoring me then please could you fill out the sponsor form that will be placed in the office? Alternatively you can phone me on 01173039190.

I appreciate your support and thank you!

Kind regards

Rachel Goodchild

St Thomas a Becket

All are welcome to join our weekly service on Sunday mornings 10.00 – 11.00 am. Children have their own activities during the service. In addition we hold Junior and Youth church twice a month.

Below are some of the activities that are taking place this term:

16 th October	3.00 pm	Organ & Choir Concert in Church
20 th October	3.30–5.30pm	Light Party in Church for 5–11 Year olds. Older children welcome to help.
30 th October	3.00 pm	All Souls Service

Pucklechurch Heartstart - Heart beat Ball 11.11.11

Tickets are now available for the above event being that is being held at the Community Centre on Friday 11th November, doors open 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 each and available from myself or Mike Walkers, Newsagents.

There will be a bar for the evening and we are hoping to raise £1,111.11 through the sale of tickets and raffle. So please come and join us and support this evening.

Money raised will be put towards Defibrillator no 3 as we have now raised enough money for the Defibrillator number 2 to be placed at Pucklechurch Sports and Social Club.

Halloween Family Disco

Saturday 29th October - 7.30pm to late

Pucklechurch Village Sport & Social Club, St. Aldam's Drive

Tickets in advance from the club - £2 members, £3 non-members

CHILDREN ARE FREE - PRIZE FOR BEST CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS