



# 'Fearless Education'



## Newsletter

15<sup>th</sup> December 2011



Dear Parents and Carers and children,

I simply want to wish you all a very happy, peaceful and calm Christmas. It is definitely a time to stop and reflect but finding the opportunity to do this amongst the mad rush of celebration and festive spirit can be a difficult thing to manage sometimes. May you all be able to reward yourselves with an hour that is just for you. A little 'me' time always makes us better in thinking about how we can be better for others so it is a good thing to do.

Merry Christmas!

*David Forrester*

### Christmas Fayre

Congratulations to the Abbe Hooper and Sarah Harty for the excellent inaugural Christmas Fayre that took place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December. They worked extremely hard to enable the event to take place and were rewarded with a great turn out. It has definitely whetted the appetite for more next year and with a bigger band of support I'm sure they will be able to do an even better job in twelve months time. The money raised ( current approximate figure is £800) is a significant addition to PSA funds and they absolutely deserved putting their feet up on Saturday with a diet coke. A special mention also needs to go to Abbe's mum who has spent as much time as anybody in school this week for which we are extremely grateful. She's going to have a short rest but she will be back next year at some point!

### Senses Poetry

A Smelly poem by **Amy**, Y2

My Mum smells of lavender,  
My Dad smells of mint.  
My dog smells of warm fur,  
My hamster smells of sawdust.

My cousin smells of pink perfume,  
My godmother smells of writing paper.  
My fifth cousin smells of salty sea,  
My third cousin smells of fish and chips.

My Papa smells of bananas,  
My Grandma smells of face cream.  
My cats smell of tuna,  
What do I smell of?  
I smell just right!

### School Dinners

The cost of school dinners will remain at £1.70 per day or £8.50 per week. If you wish to pay for the term the cost will be £49.30 cheques made payable to South Gloucestershire Council. Please ensure that ALL school dinners are paid for in advance on a Monday in a sealed envelope with your child's name, class and days they are staying if not for a full week.

The shared Collection from the KS2 Carol Service was added to the collection from the KS1 nativities, which was £130, and came to a grand total of £238 for us to send to Uganda. Many thanks for your kind donations



### Scooters

I am sorry to say that I have had a number of concerns raised about children using scooters and bikes on school premises. I have also had to speak to several children about this in school. As a parent please reinforce the message that children should not be riding either scooters or bikes on school grounds. It is dangerous and when accidents occur people do get painful injuries. Whilst we are not responsible for policing the highways we do hear that a number of children are scooting in a thoughtless way on pavements causing parents and other children to travel on the road. This is massively dangerous to so many people and could lead to a serious accident. Please be responsible in how you let your child travel to school. Reports regarding specific children will be followed up and anyone found to be at fault will not be permitted to use their scooter or bike to school.

This poem written by **Floyd** was voted as the class favourite. There has been some editing for spelling but what a fantastic poem it is.

### What shall I draw?

Draw a bird and a beach  
And a coloured door and a bright sun.

Next draw some smoke like clouds.  
Draw some tall flowers.

### Important Dates

School ends at 3.10 pm on Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> December and re-starts at 8.45 am on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

# PSA News

The PSA would like to thank Sarah Hedges and team for a stirring job on the Christmas gift sale this year, more successful than ever. Well done to you all.

The PSA chair would personally like to thank Sara Harty for her endless support so far this year. Without Sara's help we would not have had Christmas tree decorating or a Christmas fayre, both of which were roaring successes. It goes without saying that the support of the parents is invaluable and we would not be as successful as we are without you all but a special thank you has to undoubtedly go to all of the teachers, TA's and staff who gave up their time last Saturday and manned the stalls to give you guys a well earned rest. The Christmas fayre was a special day which saw the PSA raise in excess of £800 so thank you all.

We would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and look forward to having your support in 2012! First social event 11th Feb, Valentines Ball. Put the date in your diaries now!

Abbe Hooper  
Chair of PSA

## Community News



### A date for your diary. Calling all children!!!!!!!!!!

Remember the summer holiday kids club based on the story of Jonah and the Whale and last year's in the community centre? Well we are doing another one looking at the film 'Kung Fu Panda'. We will be inviting the Heavenly Father to join us and NGM and Bean and the band will be there again.

There will be loads of fun, creative activities, games and time together. It is going to be awesome!!!!!!

**Date - Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Feb, Tues 14<sup>th</sup>, Wed 15<sup>th</sup> (the week of half term)**

**Time - 10.00 – 1.00pm**

**Venue – community Hall, Pucklechurch.**

**I will be sending out booking forms early next year so don't worry about the booking just yet but please keep the date free if you are interested as it is going to be so much fun.**

**If you would like more information or have any queries then please do not hesitate to call me, Rachel Goodchild on 01173039190. Thank you.**

### St Thomas a Becket

The team at St Thomas a Becket wishes you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year and hope that you have a peaceful and enjoyable time with family and friends at this special time of year. Here are the Church services over Christmas. As always, we look forward to seeing you at the services.

- 18<sup>th</sup> December – Handbells 6.00 pm followed by Carols by candlelight 6.30 pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> December – Handbells 3.30 pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christingle Service 4.00 pm (bring a home made Christingle to light at this service)
- 24<sup>th</sup> December – Midnight Communion 11.30 pm
- Christmas Day – Family Communion 10.00 am

### St James the Great Abson

- 18<sup>th</sup> December – Handbells 2.30 pm followed by Carols at 3.00 pm
- Christmas Day – Holy Communion 8.30 am
- 1<sup>st</sup> January – Holy Communion 10.00 am
- 8<sup>th</sup> January – Family Communion 10.00 am

With warm wishes from all at St Thomas a Becket.

