



# 'Fearless Education'

## Newsletter

29<sup>th</sup> September 2011



Dear Parents, Carers and children,

Wow! The sunshine has returned and it's amazing how it lifts the spirits. The question is have you dug back into your Summer wardrobe for one last fling? The timing couldn't have been better for us in providing the perfect weather for our 'Stay and Play' session. Thank you to those parents who were able to come to the introduction as well. It was great to hear the positive feedback from so many of you and we are particularly keen to gather your comments, concerns and opinions. Please don't hesitate to email or write a short note FAO Play Team or write in the comments book in the Parents Room. The development of the culture and the grounds themselves is very much an ongoing project over the next few years. Let's hope the sun holds over into next week for the Y6 children at Mill on the Brue and for you all over the weekend of course.

*David Forrester*

### Important information

#### Secondary School Applications

If your child is in year 6, they should have received a letter advising them how to apply on line for a Secondary School place for September 2012.

If you do not have access to the internet, we do have a few copies of the booklet. Please call into the office if you require one.

Applications need to be with the Authority by 31<sup>st</sup> October.

#### Primary School Applications

Is your child due to start primary school in September 2012. If so then you can apply for your place on line at the South Gloucestershire Web Site.

Application booklets will not be available until mid-October. If you do not have access to the internet please call into the school office for an application form. Applications have to be submitted by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

#### Parents Consultation Evenings

Due to the Inset day during the last week of term, these evenings will be taking place on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> October.

Please ensure you return your time requests by Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October and you will receive your confirmation by Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> October.

#### Year 6 Science Visit

On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>

September we went to

Yate International Academy – it was 'brill'!

We had 2 fantastic science lessons which one of them I am going to tell you about.

Well we went into the classroom which was where we learnt about body parts the very nice lady said that this next part is going to be a little 'gross' and asked if anybody would like to leave the room. Some people did.

The lady showed us real body parts, which were a heart and the pluck. It was not human body parts – it was sheep or pig. I couldn't stand the smell of raw meat so I held my nose! We all got a chance to feel the body parts but with gloves on of course. Then it was Mrs Bannisters go – she was a bit unsure at first but she got the hang of it!

*Written by Missy*



## The Pucklechurch 100



### Pucklechurch in 100 objects!

Last year the children started working on a project called 'Pucklechurch in a 100 objects'. The aim of the project is for the whole school to work with the community to create a website all about Pucklechurch, from the past to the present. However, we are a long way off of our 100 objects! This is where we need your help! Do you have any interesting stories you could share with us? Have you got any fascinating objects that tell us about Pucklechurch? Are you an expert in the local knowledge of Pucklechurch? If any of these apply to you or someone you know please send in your object with your child and their class will research it! If you would like to accompany your object, or come in to share anything about Pucklechurch, that would be even better. We are hoping to have 2 weeks of Pucklechurch 100 from the 7<sup>th</sup> – the 17<sup>th</sup> of November, so if you could organise to come and visit us during those two weeks, that would be great! Pop up to year 5 to see Miss Fitzgerald or call the office and leave your name and number and she can ring you back! We would all really appreciate as much local expertise as possible to help us to complete our exciting project! Thank you.

### Here come the Olympics!

Don't worry we're not getting too previous on you but we do want you to know that we are already planning events to link with the Olympics across the whole local cluster of schools in Mangotsfield and Downend. In Term 5 there will be a range of 'cultural' activities – such as an inter-school fashion show, an X-factor style competition and a 'Spelling Bee'. In Term 6 there

will be lots of activities such as a Children's Triathlon and scooter freestyle. As part of the work we want to maintain a really strong community focus and so any parents who have a particular skill, have contacts that may be useful to us in putting on some pretty big events or who may want to be involved from a business sponsorship perspective are very welcome to contact me. We intend this to be a really memorable experience for the children – one that matches the once in a lifetime enormity of having an Olympics in this country. The more we all put into it the better for them. I will keep you regularly informed as to the events and opportunities on a regular basis but please do pop in and see me if you have any questions/ ideas/ offers.

## PSA News

### Cauliflower cards

Your child will recently have brought home a letter to design and order their own Christmas cards. This will need to be returned to the class teacher no later than Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> October. All cheques should be made payable to Pucklechurch School Association.

### Bag2School

You will have received your blue bags this week for our Autumn bag2school collection. The collection will take place on Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> October. Due to the lack of storage space we are unable to keep bags in school prior to this date. All bags should be just inside the school gates by 8.45 am as they will be collected at 9.00 am.

### PSA AGM

Unfortunately we have had to change the date of the PSA AGM. It will now take place on Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> October straight after school. 3.15 – 3.45 pm.

## Community News

### Majorettes Competition

**Pucklechurch Majorettes** took part in the 4th competition of the 2011 season on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September. The results this time were: The teams were awarded:

**1<sup>st</sup> place** in the Juvenile Military category and **1<sup>st</sup> place** for best dressed in the same category, **2<sup>nd</sup> place** in Juvenile Twirling category, **1<sup>st</sup> place** in the Pee Wee (infant) Pom category, **1<sup>st</sup> place** in the Pee Wee (infant) Twirl category, and **2<sup>nd</sup> place** in the Juvenile Pom category.

Once again, there were also lots of individual achievers.

**Basic Strut Ages 0-6** Courtney (8<sup>th</sup>), Amy (7<sup>th</sup>), Kacey (6<sup>th</sup>), Ava (3rd), Grace (1st).

**Basic Strut Ages 7-9** Megan (12<sup>th</sup>), Teigan (11<sup>th</sup>), Louise (10<sup>th</sup>), Amelia (3<sup>rd</sup>).

**Basic Strut Ages 10-13** Chloe (10<sup>th</sup>), Beth (9<sup>th</sup>).

**Duets - Pee Wee Section:** Ava & Emily were awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

**Duets - Juvenile Section:** Lauren & Chloe were awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place and Teigan and Louise were awarded 1st place.

**Solos** – Thalia was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Kacey was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place.

Once again everyone who took part did fantastically well, We look forward to the results of the next competition!

### French Club

Bonjour!

There are still a few spaces left at French club on Wednesday lunch times. If you have a child in Year 1 or Year 2 who would be interested in attending or for more information please call **Carmen on 0117 908 2707** or email: [mortbak@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:mortbak@blueyonder.co.uk)  
To find out more about la Jolie Ronde please visit our website: [www.lajolieronde.co.uk](http://www.lajolieronde.co.uk)

Merci

Carmen Bakaj.



### Calling all parents and Staff

I am running the Chipping Sodbury Slog on November 13<sup>th</sup>. 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

### Photography Competition

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Bob Stone Memorial photography Competition will be taking place on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> October in the Community Centre from 10.30 am – 1.00 pm. Pick up entry details at village shops or online from [www.pucklechurch.org](http://www.pucklechurch.org). If you have photographs you would like to display but not enter into the competition, please contact Mike Hanks at school or Elaine Stone at 49 Homefield Road.

Come on get those cameras out and start clicking away!

### 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 <sup>th</sup> October	3.00 pm	Organ & Choir Concert in Church
21 <sup>st</sup> October	3.30-5.30pm	Light Party in Church for 5-11 Year olds. Older children welcome to help.
30 <sup>th</sup> October	3.00 pm	All Souls Service