

St Botolph's Primary School

Newsletter

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Church Inspection

Following our Ofsted in December, we received our National Statutory Inspection as an Anglican school in the early spring. The report is now with us and reads very favourably. It reflects the very hard work and commitment of all staff across the school and identifies key strengths of the school. I enclose a few of the comments:

'Christian values and ethics are central to the life of the school and have a significant impact on the personal development of learners.'

'The impact of collective worship on the school community is good.'

'The school is a welcoming and inclusive place and good at meeting the needs of all learners.'

'Adults in the school provide excellent role models.'

'Care is taken to provide appropriate activities to challenge and develop skills and interests of learners.'

'The Head Teacher is committed to the Christian ethos of the school and provides a clear vision, an effective lead and inspiration to the school community.'

'The effectiveness of the leadership and management of the school as a church school is good.'

A full copy of the report can be obtained from the school website.

Tesco and Sainsbury's Vouchers

Thank you for collecting these vouchers. We have a collection box that is overflowing and bursting at the seams. Once the final date (11th May for Tesco) has passed and we have counted the vouchers we will let you know what ICT equipment and Sports equipment we have decided to exchange them for.

Sponsored MoonWalk 2009

On Saturday 16th May, myself and four friends will be venturing down to London to take part in the Moonwalk, which is a moonlit marathon around the streets of London starting and finishing in Hyde Park. We will be joining 15,000 other brave walkers, all raising money and awareness for breast Cancer Research.

During the Easter holidays we have been training hard and are hoping that the atmosphere of the night will drive us on.

We have set up a web site: www.justgiving.com/teamgail where donations can be made, or there are sponsor forms in the school office and in my classroom. Any donations would be gratefully accepted.

Thank you for your kind generosity.

Mrs J. Cronin.



Many congratulations to Piers Casey who has recently been awarded the 10 year old Boys County Champion swimmer award. In addition he has achieved several qualifying times for the Regional championships in June. Well done Piers!

Lost Property

We continue to accrue mountains of lost property. At this time of year especially when children take off their jumpers or cardigans, we seem to have trouble re-uniting clothing to its rightful owner. To this end, we are proposing to hold a clothes 'Labelling' day on 22nd May. If any jumper/cardigan etc does not have a name in it then staff will use a biro to add a name. I'm sure you will appreciate the good intentions behind this action.

Free Swimming for under 16's - You may be aware that Peterborough offers free swimming for all under 16 year olds. This is available at the Regional Pool, the Lido and at Jack Hunt Swimming Pool You will need to register at the pool but free swimming is available at all public/general swimming sessions up until March 2011.

Homework Policy – Our homework policy has recently been reviewed and updated. A copy will be sent home shortly.

Car Parking at Orton Hall Hotel

Again I am forced to request that all parents who park their cars at Orton Hall Hotel do so with the upmost courtesy and respect. The manager of the Hotel has written to me again asking that I stress that there is in fact no public rights of way over the Hotel. The Hotel very kindly allows parents of children who attend our school licence to use the car park for drop off and pick up purposes only. However, a minority of parents who continue to park inconsiderately are jeopardising this agreement. Some parents are parking on double yellow lines, obstructing designated access routes to the Hotel and disrupting the day to day business of the Hotel. The Manager has informed me that he will continue to monitor the situation over the coming months, but may be left with no alternative but to consider the use of Wheel Clamping if parents continue to park in this way. Through discussion with the manger, I know he does not wish to resort to this action but we need to respect that this is private property and we may be leaving him with no alternative.



Summer Sun/SunSAFE

At this time of year it is lovely to see children move into their school summer uniform. It is important that children do not resort to wearing strappy sandals as these offer very little stability and may cause a health and safety problem. Children should come to school wearing sun protection and bring with them a sun hat for wearing when they play outside. Of course, drinking water is always readily available. Please note that staff are unable to apply sun cream to your son/daughter

Attendance for April 2009

Key Stage 1

Miss Evans	Reception	91.14%
Mr Balaam	Reception	97.99%
Mrs Belcher /Miss Regis	Year 1	89.84%
Mrs Greene/MrsWilliams	Year 1	99.43%
Mr File	Year 2	94.76%
Mrs Fox/Mrs Wickham	Year 2	95.81%

Key Stage 2

Miss Noble	Year 3	97.54%
Miss Murrell	Year 3	93.35%
Miss Brittain	Year 4	98.98%
Mrs Cronin	Year 4	95.52%
Mrs Richardson	Year 5	96.15%
Miss Hicks	Year 5	95.05%
Mr Binmore	Year 6	93.45%
Mrs McCay	Year 6	98.15%

Friends St Botolph's

It is with much appreciation that I want to publicly thank the committee of the Friends of St Botolph's for all their efforts in supporting the school. Supporting the school through fund raising is a vital part of their role and I know that a great deal of work is being currently undertaken to ensure that our Summer Fete is a huge success. I am sure that you would want to join me in thanking the 'team' for all their efforts and giving up their own time to support the school.

May I also remind you that Race Night is being held on Friday 8th May (7.00pm – 11.00pm) and tickets are still available. One of the parents has kindly offered to sell tickets in the outside foyer on Tuesday 5th May from 3.00pm – 3.30pm so please come along and see them.

Diary Dates:

Friday 1 st May	9.00am – 11.00am Y3 Open Morning
Monday 4 th May	May Day – School Closed
Wednesday 6 th May	Coffee Morning
Wednesday 6 th May	9.00am – 10.15am RRB Class Assembly
Friday 8 th May	9.00am – 11.00am Reception Open Morning
Friday 8 th May	7.00pm – Friends of St Botolph's Race Night
Monday 11 th May	Y4 to Stibbington
Monday 11 th May	SATs week
Wednesday 20 th May	1GW Class Assembly
Thursday 21 st May	6.15pm – 7.45pm Country Dancing Festival at Welbourne School
Friday 22 nd May	Break up for Half Term
Monday 1 st June	Return to School
Saturday 27 th June	Summer Fair
Tuesday 21 st July	Y6 Leavers Assembly at Holy Trinity Church 2.15pm

Coffee Morning – the next Coffee morning will be on Wednesday 6th May 9.00am – 10.15am. Please come and have a coffee and a chat with Mrs Daniels and Mrs Fermor-Dunman. Let us know what you would like covered in future coffee mornings – it's you who decides what we should discuss.