

St Botolph's Church of England Primary school

December Newsletter 2008



It has been a very busy last couple of weeks at school. Two Christmas productions have taken place and, of course, let's not forget Ofsted! Every school is re-inspected by Ofsted every three years and we were last inspected in September 2005. It was then no surprise when we received the phone call announcing their visit last week. The school was ready and welcomed the opportunity for them to evaluate our successes over the past 12 months. The outcome was very fair and reflected just how far the school has moved forward recently and its good capacity to improve further. The report mentioned how standards are now on an upward trend. They mention the 'Good' behaviour of the children and that they are confident, polite and contribute much to the school. It is not expected that the report will be available until after Christmas, but once published a full copy will be distributed. Thank you very much for taking the time to complete the Ofsted questionnaire and return them to the school office. All your comments were passed to the Inspectors. A special note of thanks must go to those few parents who, very kindly, gave up their own time to come into school and meet the inspectors personally. We would also like to thank those 6 children who arrived at school at 8.15am on the first morning of the inspection, smartly dressed in school uniform, to act as 'ambassadors' for the school and show the inspectors around.

Christmas Celebrations

The choir have been very busy this year with many 'bookings'. They have sung at Serpentine Green, Longueville Court to the elderly people who live there, on numerous occasions at school and as a special 'guest' appearance at the St Botolph Green Carols Celebration. In addition, our very own outdoor carols were well supported by parents and again the choir sung. They have done extremely well and are clearly in high demand!



The years 1 and 2 children performed the 'Bossy Fairy' to the school, their mums, dads and special visitors last week. They did very well and demonstrated great talent and confidence. The very youngest children performed their Nativity to everyone this week. They too did amazingly well and I know that everyone is very proud of their achievements. My special thanks go out to all the staff who worked so very hard with the children to bring these special events to you.

School Council Young Writers Award – Autumn Term 2008

The focus of this was 'Good Use of Punctuation' and the winners were:

Reception - Olivia Laughton	Year 1 – Anita Wong
Year 2 – Luke Dunning	Year 3 – Holly Farrow
Year 4 – Amy Gore	Year 5 – Anna Johnson
Year 6 – Adam Mouladi	

News from The Friends of St Botolph's – next years' Summer Fair will be held on Saturday 27th June 1.00pm – 4.30pm and there will also be a Race Night after the Easter holidays.

Congratulations to Isobelle Sellars in 6NB who passed her Grade 1 Recorder with Distinction

Community Events

As part of our commitment to support and work within the community, our year 4 children took part in the 'Big Tidy Up' National Campaign. They armed themselves with plastic aprons, gloves and pickers, and headed off towards Holy Trinity Church and Orton Hall Hotel. Here they collected litter and generally tidied up the local area.

Christmas Bazaar

Traditionally the year 6 children have organised and headed up the Christmas Bazaar each year. This year has been no exception. Despite the last minute preparations which came about due to our Ofsted and the need to put 'on hold' some of the organising, the children managed to be ready on time. A special thank you to all who very kindly donated prizes for the fair and attended to help make the whole event a large success. Including the sale of raffle tickets, I am very pleased to announce that we raised a grand total of £1295.03. This money, along with any proceeds from the outdoor carols, will be put towards the purchase and installation of a projector in our hall.



ATTENDANCE DECEMBER 2008

Key Stage 1

Miss Evans	Reception	94.82%
Mr Balaam	Reception	96.97%
Mrs Belcher /Miss Regis	Year 1	91.67%
Mrs Greene/MrsWilliams	Year 1	93.83%
Mr File	Year 2	93.47%
Mrs Fox/Mrs Wickham	Year 2	93.47%

Key Stage 2

Miss Noble	Year 3	96.25%
Miss Murrell	Year 3	92.92%
Miss Brittain	Year 4	96.58%
Mrs Cronin	Year 4	96.28%
Mrs Richardson	Year 5	99.07%
Miss Hicks	Year 5	96.96%
Mr Binmore	Year 6	94.50%
Mrs McCay	Year 6	95.99%

Diary Dates

Friday 19 th December	Break up for Christmas Holiday
Monday 5 th January	School re-opens
Wednesday 7 th January	Reception Screening
Wednesday 14 th January	7.30pm Friends of St Botolph's Meeting
January 22 nd January	Y5 to Leicester Space Centre
Friday 23 rd January	Y6 Open Morning 9.00am – 11.00am
Wednesday 28 th January	3NM Class Assembly
Friday 30 th January	Y3 Open Morning 9.00am – 11.00am
Wednesday 4 th February	1BR Class Assembly
Friday 6 th February	Y4 Open Morning 9.00am – 11.00am

School will close at 3.15pm on Friday 19th December 2008 and will re-open on Monday 5th January 2009. May you all have a lovely Christmas and a Happy New Year.

