

## St Botolph's C of E Primary School

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### Good News!

At last I can bring you some 'good news' regarding the return of hot meals. It has been a very difficult and trying time for us all and I have appreciated your patience and understanding since we had no alternative but to cease providing hot meals back in June 2009. You will remember that we were forced into cancelling our contract with the then current school meals provider after they increased their prices to extortionate levels. Since this time I have worked closely with the school governors, sought legal advice, and met with and received guidance from the School's Meals Trust. I was determined that this would be an opportunity to ensure that when we do return to a hot meals provision, it will be the very best that we can offer. We want to offer meals that are health and nutritionally balanced, providing a varied choice with something for all children, but at the same time, meeting government regulations and guidelines. It has been a very long process but finally I believe we have found a school meals provider that has providing a healthy appetising meal for our children at it's' heart. We interviewed this week and both parents and children were involved in the process as well as governors and a local businessman from the community. We chatted and challenged, sampled and speculated, but a decision has been made. It will take a few weeks to set things up but as soon as we have a launch date I will let you know. My utmost appreciation goes to Orton Longueville School who have faithfully supplied us with 'pack-ups' throughout this time.

### St Augustine's v St Botolph's

On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February St Botolph's played a football match against St Augustine's away at their school. Playing for St Botolph's was Jamie Homden, Ben Laughton, Will Pierce, Tarantino Renecke, Jessica Driscoll, Daniel Bonser, Declan Greene and Thomas Crowson. There was only 1 goal scored in the first half which was by St Augustine's. Then the second half kicked off with, sadly, St Augustine's getting a second goal which made the final score 2-0 to St Augustine's. We all worked well as a team and hopefully we all had fun.

Report from Jessica Driscoll

### Film Making at St Botolph's

*We are extremely grateful to the friends for being able to support us in purchasing a set of film making equipment for the school. As a result of their hard work and your support of the fund raising events they hold, we now have an exciting resource that can be used by all the children. With additional laptops loaded with the required software for editing etc, movie cameras and appropriate storage, we are all set up and running. Each class is 'booking' a week at a time to use the equipment. This will enhance the speaking and listening skills of our children as well as their writing, editing and acting skills!*

### We Are Writers!

Just a reminder that we are taking orders for St Botolph's first ever published book of poetry until this Friday 12th March.

Before Christmas, all the children in the school toiled tirelessly to compose their own poems and we're really proud of the finished book; it looks great! To receive your very own copy, please return the slip with (a very reasonable) payment of £7.00. More order forms are available if needed.

### Spring Disco

11<sup>th</sup> March

KS1 5pm – 6pm

KS2 6.15pm – 7.45pm

**Sing up Report** -The trip to the town cathedral was on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2010. At 1.45pm we set off in the comfortable coach. It didn't take that long to arrive at the town cathedral in Peterborough. When we got there, we were given a visitors room to keep our things in. After we had done that, we went into the cathedral to find where we were going to sit in the show.

We practiced, practiced and practiced to make the songs perfect, ready for the show. After we had done our practicing, we went to have our packed tea.

We also got to watch the service of Evensong which was a series of songs for the public sung by the choristers.

**Showtime** - Everyone would have at least had 1, 2 or 3 butterflies in their tummies! When the show started, the man conducting made a speech about Jesus Christ, our Lord. We sang several fun songs, including Greensleeves, Dem Bones, Playgrounds Songs and My Hat it has Three Corners. A lot of the songs had actions and the audience had to get involved too! The Cathedral choristers sang several songs as well. When the day was over we all went home and fell asleep that night.

Overall we loved the Sing Up.

Reports by Norman Grundy and Jamie Glasby

**Car Boot Sale**  
**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2010 1pm – 4pm**

**KS2 Playground**  
**Pitches £5 contact: Lynsey on 07736644553 to book**

### **Do you have a spare hour?**

We are very keen to make use of the area out at the back of the Reception classes that used to house an outdoor swimming pool many years ago. This piece of land is standing redundant and we desperately would love to turn it into a wildlife area with a pond and possibly ducks! Could you please spare an hour or two on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2010 (1.00pm – 5.00pm). Please bring spades, forks, pick axes etc. Many hands make light work!

### **Sponsorship required**

Our school fete is vast approaching and the Friends are actively working towards making this the most successful fete yet. We are hoping to raise enough money to replace and update the schools' current PA system in the Hall. If you know of any businesses that we can approach for sponsorship, or able to help yourselves in this way, we will be extremely grateful. In return the Friends offer generous advertising space both within our fete brochure and on the day. If you can help contact in any way please contact Lynsey on 07736644553.

### **Diary Dates:**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> March – 3JC(Miss Bee) Parent Consultations  
3<sup>rd</sup> March – Parents Coffee Morning – Phonics  
4<sup>th</sup> March – 9am – 4VB Class Assembly  
5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day  
5<sup>th</sup> March – Y6 Safety Challenge Day  
8<sup>th</sup> March – Reception visit to Sacrewell Farm  
11<sup>th</sup> March – 9am – 1BR Class Assembly  
11<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Discos  
17<sup>th</sup> March – 1.30pm Y5 Open Session  
19<sup>th</sup> March – 1.30pm Y6 Open Session  
22<sup>nd</sup> March – Reception Health Screening  
23<sup>rd</sup> March – 6pm Wizard of Oz Performance  
24<sup>th</sup> March – 1.30pm Wizard of Oz Performance  
25<sup>th</sup> March – 6pm Wizard of Oz Performance  
26<sup>th</sup> March – 9am Reception Open Session  
26<sup>th</sup> March – Mufti Day - £1 Donation towards the Summer Fair  
26<sup>th</sup> March – Last Day of Term