

St Botolph's Primary School

June Newsletter 2009

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Please note that as from 17th July our new e-mail address will be: www.office@st-botolphs.peterborough.sch.uk

It is always thrilling when our children want to raise money for a charity or organise a sponsored event. When children undertake such a project they begin to develop a range of skills and talents that extend them immensely. When three girls from year 4 approached me with the idea to stage a sponsored walk/run to raise money for their playground, it was without hesitation that discussions began. Amber Walker, Amy Gore and Natasha Smith planned, wrote letters to parents, designed sponsor forms, promoted and advertised the event and finally oversaw the whole day. The final total of money raised has yet to be confirmed, but to date they have raised £995.40. A huge 'Well done!' The girls will be involved in the future decision making as to the most effective way to spend the money. The children have such great ideas for their outdoor play area that we may well need to hold further events!

Dragons' Den comes to St Botolph's

The year 5 pupils have been involved in a two day Business and Enterprise project which was led by a member of staff from Orton Longueville School. The children were placed into groups and asked to put together a theoretical business. The teams spent the time considering an original idea with a unique selling point and a clear business plan. A TV advert, jingle, marketing strategy, logo, poster and website design, as well as financial planning were all elements that had to be considered. The two days culminated in a 'Dragons' Den' showdown. All the teams presented their ideas to a panel of judges where an overall winner was chosen. Everyone did incredibly well, developing business like attributes, and presenting themselves and their ideas in a very professional manner.

Our Kitchen Garden It has been two years since the idea of having a school garden was first put to the school and parents. Many of you supported the idea by sponsoring slabs, donating materials and seeds etc and finally the children are beginning to feel the benefit from having their own growing space.

The broad beans that were planted back before Christmas have produced a lovely crop that have been snapped open to feel the "soft blanket bed" that they were growing in, and then the beans tasted. The radishes bolted but we picked them anyway, the garlic is nearly ready, the onions and potatoes need a little more water and the delicious strawberries keep coming. The raspberries are due to fruit in the autumn term and the pumpkins went in last week, we will be putting all the chicken manure to good use on those. There are apples on the apple tree but the pear tree looks a bit dead. There has been a lot of weed pulling, screaming at ants and worms but thanks to the Morrison's collection we now have gloves.



Many thanks to the hard working Friends for giving £250 for a shed and some paper potters, Cambridgeshire Police for their donation of compost and to John Blackwell for his one man path laying, only 500 bricks left to go. Thanks also to my reliable group of Friday lunchtime gardeners Savannah, Hollie, Pia, Luke, Ryan, Andy, Chloe, Holly, Grace, Daniel and Connor "can I have a spade" Blaker and all the others that stop by occasionally. Please feel free to open the gate and take a look around the garden (you will find it in the Key Stage 2 playground near the climbing frame), pull a weed or taste test the lettuces and coriander planted by year 6.

Bryony Farrow School Garden Club Volunteer

Eggs for Sale!

Our hens are laying well now and from time to time we have surplus eggs for sale. All eggs are date stamped on point of lay and we are asking for £1.50 to cover the cost of feed etc. If you would like some fresh eggs please speak to Mrs McCay and the year 6 pupils who are in charge!

Tesco Vouchers/Sainsbury's Vouchers

Thank you to everyone who collected these vouchers for use. We are very pleased to announce that we met our target and have been able to place an order for heart rate monitors and temperature sensors to support data logging equipment, Bee-bot software and SD memory cards for cameras and digi-blue video cameras.

ParentMail Update – it looks like we could have this up and running in the next couple of weeks (still waiting for ParentMail to input all of your details). We will be sending e-mails and paper copies for the first few weeks and are planning to stop sending paper copies for those of you who have registered this September.

Inter School Sports Events

Numerous children have taken part in a range of Inter-school competitions over the past few weeks. Kwik Cricket, Rounders, Tri-golf, Athletics and of course our own KS1 and KS2 Sports' Days. At every event where we have been represented, the children have shown high levels of sportsmanship, enthusiasm and team spirit. Well done everyone!

Bikes Stolen

It is very disappointing when I have to report that just recently we had five bicycles stolen from our cycle shed on the same day. The bike shed is left unlocked all night but, locked shortly after 9.00am and re-opened at approximately 3.00pm. The bikes appeared to have been stolen at the very end of the day. Unfortunately, bicycles are left at their owners risk but I recommend that cycle locks are used as a sensible precaution.

Key Stage 1 Attendance June

Miss Evans	Reception	95.71%
Mr Balaam	Reception	97.08%
Mrs Belcher /Miss Regis	Year 1	97.14%
Mrs Greene/MrsWilliams	Year 1	99.11%
Mr File	Year 2	97.18%
Mrs Fox/Mrs Wickham	Year 2	97.62%

Key Stage 2 Attendance June

Miss Noble	Year 3	95.60%
Miss Murrell	Year 3	97.54%
Miss Brittain	Year 4	94.12%
Mrs Cronin	Year 4	97.04%
Mrs Richardson	Year 5	94.96%
Miss Hicks	Year 5	95.77%
Mr Binmore	Year 6	95.15%
Mrs McCay	Year 6	98.52%

Hiring the School Hall

Are you planning a disco? Birthday Party? Barn Dance? Keep Fit Classes? If so, you might want to bear in mind that our school hall is available for hire. If you would like further details, please contact the school office.

Congratulations!

Isobelle Sellars in year 6 passed her Grade 2 recorder exam recently with merit. Well done!

Kidz Biz Holiday Club

There are still places available at our Holiday club. Please call at the school office to collect a pack. Return the completed booking form as soon as possible to reserve your place and payment must then be received by 17th July 2009.

School Fair - May I take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the 'Friends of St Botolphs' and their helpers for all the hard work that went into our Summer Fair which was held last Saturday. They raised a fantastic £4700. Once again many thanks. Their commitment to raising money for our school is much appreciated.

Diary Dates for July

Thursday 2 nd	Book Fair – 3.15 – 3.45	Thursday 16 th	Reception and Y4 Picnic
Friday 3 rd	Y5 Open Morning	Thursday 16 th	Presentation Evening 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Friday 3 rd	Book Fair – 3.15 – 3.45	Monday 20 th	End of Year Discos
Tuesday 7 th	Book Fair – 3.15 – 3.45	Tuesday 21 st	5MR Class Assembly
Tuesday 7 th	Joseph Production 6.00pm	Tuesday 21 st	Y6 Leavers Service at Holy Trinity 2.15pm
Wednesday 8 th	Coffee Morning – Activity Rm	Tuesday 21 st	Y6 Leavers Play 6.00pm
Wednesday 8 th	Joseph Production 1.30pm	Wednesday 22 nd	Break up for Summer
Thursday 9 th	Book Fair – 3.15 – 3.45		
Thursday 9 th	Joseph production 6.00pm		
Monday 13 th	Parents Evening 3.30 – 5.00		
Wednesday 15 th	2NF Class Assembly		

Tuesday 8th September – Return to school