

St Botolph's Primary School

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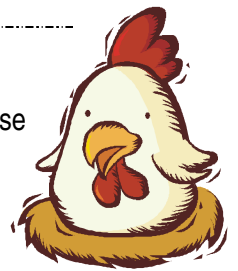
Newsletter

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The hall was packed at 12 noon last Friday, the 20th March with a sea of mums as the doors opened for the children in years Reception through to years 1 and 2. Nearly sixty mums had accepted the invitation to join their children to commemorate 'Mothers' Day' in a full roast dinner provided by our own catering staff. For many of our mums it had been a long time since they had experienced school dinners but they were not disappointed. My special thanks go to the cooks who came up trumps and provided such an excellent two course meal. The children were excited and thrilled to have their own special mums meet them for lunch and our mums were able to spend some quality time with their children as they shared a meal together. 'What a lovely occasion'; 'Thank you so much for inviting us to lunch'; 'This is very special'; was just a few of the many positive comments received.

Chickens, Chickens, Chickens!

Many of you will have already seen our chickens. As part of a 'Business and Enterprise' project, a team of year 6 pupils put together a business plan to source funding to set up a sustaining small business, purchase all equipment required, and fund the cost of the chickens. At the same time they had to ensure that the selling of the eggs would be sufficient to cover the cost of chicken feed and maintenance costs. The children sent their plan to Orton Longueville School, Orton Waterville Parish Council, Orton Longueville Parish Council and a local business called Halcyon Electronics. Their business plan was so impressive that they received funding well in excess of £700 – thank you to all of the above for their donations. The twelve chickens are now settling into their special coop and hopefully, soon after Easter, we will be collecting our own 'home grown' eggs. Eggs will be for sale. Watch this space!



Attendance March 2009 (until 25.3.09)

Key Stage 1		Key Stage 2			
Miss Evans	Reception	96.22%	Miss Noble	Year 3	97.13%
Mr Balaam	Reception	97.76%	Miss Murrell	Year 3	98.28%
Mrs Belcher /Miss Regis	Year 1	92.95%	Miss Brittain	Year 4	98.51%
Mrs Greene/MrsWilliams	Year 1	97.22%	Mrs Cronin	Year 4	98.12%
Mr File	Year 2	96.76%	Mrs Richardson	Year 5	96.19%
Mrs Fox/Mrs Wickham	Year 2	95.21%	Miss Hicks	Year 5	97.97%
			Mr Binmore	Year 6	95.60%
			Mrs McCay	Year 6	95.27%

Tag Rugby – Spaces Available

We are fortunate that we have so many after school and lunch time clubs to offer our children. Currently there are some spaces at Tag Rugby on a Monday after school. If you are interested then please ask the rugby coach for further details. You will be able to find him on the school field on a Monday afternoon at 3.15pm.

Help Required

Do you have any spare reading books, unwanted games or 'Dressing up' clothes that you could kindly donate? Any contributions will be used by the Midday supervisors to support our range of provision we offer children at lunch times. Thank you for taking time to support us in this way.

Red Nose Day

Donations on the day were collected and counted and together with the sale of biscuits we are pleased to announce that a total of £241.96 has been forwarded to the Red Nose Appeal. Thank you for your generosity. Well done to Mr File's class for collecting the greatest amount of loose change.

St Botolph's v Longthorpe Football Match – Wednesday 4th March 2009

This, our second game, was against a very strong side from Longthorpe. Unfortunately we began the first half quite disorganised and it took time to settle into the game. By half time we trailed behind 2 goals to 1. After an enthusiastic team talk from Mr Balaam we started to play much more positively and worked as a unit.

The team consisted of: Reece in goal, James, Piers and Harry E in defence, Adam, Jessica, Kirstie and Harry M in midfield and Oliver played up front. In the second half we were rewarded with two more goals.

The concluding result was a 3 – 2 victory with goals scored by Jessica and Oliver. Yet another great game – well played everyone.

Report by Oliver Brant - Player of the Match was Jessica - Referee was Mr N File

There was also a match played on the 12th March against Matley where the result was a resounding win of 4 – 1 by St Botolph's (**player of the match was Adam**) and a football tournament on the 3rd March where St Botolph's came third overall. **Well done everyone.**

Friends of St Botolph's Summer Fair Saturday June 27th

Wednesday 1st April has been set aside as a 'Mufti Day'. Children will be able to come to school in their own clothes in return for a £1.00 donation which will then be used by the 'Friends' to purchase prizes for the Fair.

School Uniform

I am proud of the children at St Botolph's as to how smart they look in their school uniform. Children like to feel they belong and wearing school uniform is important to create this sense of belonging. The Friends of St Botolph's continue to offer for sale our school uniform and uniform is also available on line. Disappointedly, we still have one or two pupils wearing trainers. Trainers are not good for wearing all day and are not school uniform. Please be reminded that only stud earrings should be worn for health and safety reasons. If loops or decorative earrings are worn children may be asked to remove them.

Oundle Festival of Literature Writing Competition

A total of 270 children entered this competition from all over the area. Many of our children took part and 3 were shortlisted. We are delighted to announce the results:

- 1st Place – Holly Farrow
- 2nd Place – Hannah O'Driscoll
- 3rd Place – Rhian Cosford

Many congratulations to all three of them.

Parents Coffee Morning

Wednesday April 1st

9.00 – 10.30am

Come along and join us for morning coffee. Mr Binmore will be discussing Maths.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 31 st March	Y2 Victorian Day
Wednesday 1 st April	Mufti Day
Wednesday 1 st April	Coffee Morning 9.00am
Wednesday 1 st April	Break up for Easter
Monday 20 th April	Return to School
Wednesday 22 nd April	3.45pm – 6.45pm – 4JC Rescheduled Parent Consultations
Thursday 23 rd April	Uniform Shop 3.00pm
Friday 24 th April	9.00am – 11.00am Y2 Parents Open Morning
Thursday 30 th April	Class Photographs
Friday 1 st May	9.00am – 11.00am Y3 Parents Open Morning