

St Botolph's Primary School

November Newsletter 2008

Children in Need

'Spots before our eyes' was the theme as we collectively at St Botolph's supported the BBC Children in Need Appeal. Virtually everyone came to school wearing, in some form or other, 'Spots'! All donations given by the children were collected together in the morning and counted. A special mention has to go to 1BR who brought in the most money: £41.00 from just their class alone. The children in Year 4 busily iced biscuits during the morning which were on sale at break time. We are very grateful to those parents who supported their youngsters in making some cakes that were also on sale - we all enjoyed! Total cakes and biscuits sales amounted to £87.72. A group of girls in Mrs Cronin's class independently organised a mini competition, 'Guess the name of the Bear'. They planned, publicised and orchestrated the competition entirely themselves. They raised £14.15 and should be highly commended. The total giving at the end of the day amounted to **£538.40**. This has now been forwarded. Well done everyone!



Shoe Box Appeal

We had an amazing response to our Shoe Box Appeal. The final total for the number of shoe boxes decorated with Christmas paper and filled with an assortment of toys, games and personal articles for a wide range of girls and boys was 117. These have now been collected and on their way to some much needy children this Christmas. Once again, thank you very much for your generosity.

Circus Skills Workshops

As you may remember a circus man called Mr Doody came to school on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th of November. We had lots of fun with him. Each class played with lots of circus equipment. There was a shop with all the equipment in. You could have bought something. Thank you for the money you paid, your children enjoyed it lots.

Report by Natasha Smith 4VB and Amber Walker 4JC

Christmas Dinner

Christmas dinner this year will be on Wednesday 17th December. Your options should have been sent to school by Wednesday 26th November. No more orders for a school dinner will be taken after Monday 1st December. Therefore if you have not returned a slip by then your child will have to bring a packed lunch.



ATTENDANCE NOV 2008

Key Stage 1

Miss Evans	Reception	91.13%
Mr Balaam	Reception	95.49%
Mrs Belcher /Miss Regis	Year 1	96.20%
Mrs Greene/MrsWilliams	Year 1	96.32%
Mr File	Year 2	97.34%
Mrs Fox/Mrs Wickham	Year 2	95.28%

Key Stage 2

Miss Noble	Year 3	97.89%
Miss Murrell	Year 3	95.26%
Miss Brittain	Year 4	96.52%
Mrs Cronin	Year 4	96.15%
Mrs Richardson	Year 5	95.27%
Miss Hicks	Year 5	95.65%
Mr Binmore	Year 6	94.42%
Mrs McCay	Year 6	94.31%

Sports' and Other School Clubs

The school tries to offer a range of activities that take place outside the normal school hours. These offer an opportunity for children to take part in different sports or activities that they would not normally be able to. Some of these are offered through external providers. These have to be paid for and parents sign up to these privately. We support these outside providers and always ensure that they have completed all safety checks and are fully CRB checked to work with children. Other clubs are organised and run entirely by school staff. These clubs are free to children but staff are giving up their own time to run these clubs for the benefit of the children. I am entirely grateful to that staff who undertake this commitment. Below is a list of those clubs and activities that are currently available at school.

Monday After School – Rugby – External Provider
Monday Lunchtime – Sign Language – Internal Provider
Monday – Lunchtime – Intermediate Recorders – External Provider
Monday – Lunchtime – Beginners Recorders Year 3 – Internal Provider
Wednesday – After School – Ballet – External Provider
Wednesday – Lunchtime – KS2 Football – Internal Provider
Thursday 9.10am – 9.40am Choir Yrs 5 & 6 – Internal Provider
Thursday Lunchtime – Gardening Club Yrs 3 & 4 – Internal Provider
Thursday – Lunchtime – Multi Sports – External Provider
Friday Lunchtime – Gardening Club Yrs 5 & 6 – Internal Provider
Friday – After School – Football – External Provider

Clubs provided do vary from term to term. Please check at the office for availability.

St Botolph's Football Team



Wednesday 19th November 2008 – St Botolph's v Middleton Referees Mr File and Mr Balaam

St Botolph's newly formed team consisting of Year 4, 5 and 6 pupils got off to an excellent start. We were up against unknown opposition from Middleton School who looked a big and confident side.

James, Harry E, Harry M and Piers were solid in defence with Ewan great in goal. Adam, Massimo, Jessica and Bryony were busy in midfield getting balls forward to Oliver who attacked well.

An exciting game of 10 minutes each way with a great team effort resulting in a 4-2 victory with goals scored by Massimo and Oliver. What a great beginning to the season.

Well played everyone!!

Report by Oliver Brant

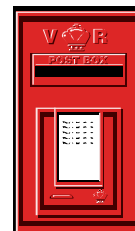
Lost Property

We seem to always have a tremendous amount of lost property all of which is un-named. Any jumpers/sweatshirts or other items of clothing left lying around is checked for a clearly marked name. If found then the item is returned to its owner. Please can I urge you to check that your child's school uniform is named? Shortly, I will be instructing my staff to 'add a name' to any item of clothing or personnel belongings that is not clearly identified. We will use a black biro for this and only write on labels already stitched into the clothing. If you do not agree with this then please instruct the school with your preferences.

Christmas Post Box

Christmas Posting Times:

A Post box will be placed in the Reception/foyer from Monday 1st December 2008 for children to 'post' their cards to their friends. Please ensure every card has the child's full name and class on the envelope. Last date for posting will be Wednesday 17th December 2008.



Christmas Concerts/Plays

We are approaching a very busy time in school. Some classes will be taking part in the Christingle Service at Holy Trinity Church. The choir have a very busy schedule ahead of them in the next few weeks and we have Years 1 and 2's play as well as the ever popular Reception Nativity Play. Please note the dates and times below so as to not miss an important event. A calendar of events is always published on our School Website and on the back of our monthly newsletter.

Diary Dates

Monday 1 st December	Orton Schools Carol Concert
Tuesday 2 nd December	Reception Christmas Workshop
Tuesday 2 nd December	4VB Swimming
Wednesday 3 rd December	Y1 Christmas Workshop
Wednesday 3 rd December	Uniform Shop 3.00pm
Wednesday 3 rd December	Friends Meeting 7.30pm – 8.45pm
Thursday 4 th December	Y2 Christmas Workshop
Friday 5 th December	Ethnic Music Workshops for KS2
Tuesday 9 th December	Y3/4 Christingle Service
Tuesday 9 th December	Y5/6 Christingle Service
Tuesday 9 th December	Y1/2 Christmas Performance – 10.00am – Ticket Required
Tuesday 9 th December	4VB Swimming
Tuesday 9 th December	Choir at Botolph Green 6.30pm – 7.00pm
Wednesday 10 th December	Y1/2 Christmas Performance – 1.45pm – Ticket Required
Thursday 11 th December	Y1/2 Christmas Performance – 1.45pm – Ticket Required
Thursday 11 th December	KS1 Disco 5.00pm – 6.00pm
Thursday 11 th December	KS2 Disco 6.30pm – 8.00pm
Friday 12 th December	Christmas Bazaar – 3.15pm
Monday 15 th December	Evening Carol Service at school– 6.00pm – please bring a torch
Tuesday 16 th December	Choir to Longueville Court
Tuesday 16 th December	Reception Nativity Play – 2.00pm – Ticket Required
Wednesday 17 th December	Reception Nativity Play – 2.00pm – Ticket Required
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 18 th December	Choir to Serpentine Green
Thursday 18 th December	KS1 Parties (School uniform to be worn - children to bring party clothes with them to change into)
Friday 18 th December	Break up for Christmas 3.15pm
Monday 5 th January	School re-opens



Family Christingle Services

St Marys Church and Holy Trinity Church would like to welcome everyone to their family Christingle services

St Marys Church – Orton Waterville 3.30pm 30th November 2008

Holy Trinity Church – Orton Longueville 4.00pm 30th November 2008

Key Stage1 and Key Stage 2 National Test Results for 2008.

The Governors are pleased to publish the results of the National Statutory tests taken by Year 2 and Year 6 pupils this last May 2008. The results have been a clear improvement on 2007. The school is also currently awaiting an Ofsted Inspection.

Year 2 – Cohort: 59 Pupils					Year 6 – 60 Pupils				
	-2	2+	2b+	3		-3	3	4+	5
Read		83%	71%	24%	English			88%	29%
Write		83%	63%	12%	Maths			85%	41%
Maths		91%	75%	12%	Science			95%	70%

Parents' Get together/Coffee Morning

Wednesday 3rd December

(9.00 - 10.15 in the Activity Room)

Speaker: Miss Noble

Subject: Reading with your child

'Children crave and appreciate the quality time you spend with them reading books.

When children become readers, their world is forever wider and richer' 2008 National Year of Reading

Learn about the simple steps you can take to make reading enjoyable for you and your child.

Sue Shaw, the Extended Schools Parental Support Worker has been invited again. If you have any queries or worries regarding school or behaviour issues she will be there for an informal chat.

All parents, carers and toddlers are welcome and I look forward to seeing you there.
(Sorry no crèche facilities)

Pat Fermor-Dunman
Learning Mentor