

St Botolph's Church of England Primary School

November Newsletter 2009

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Thank you for your generosity and support!

We have been overwhelmed with the response to our appeal for shoes for Kosovo. The box in the main foyer has already been emptied twice by the Rotary club, ready to be boxed up and shipped out to children in Kosovo. We were thrilled to have Mr Hutchings and Mr Sortwell from the Minister Rotary Club in Peterborough come to school to thank the children personally. You may have seen the photograph in the Evening Telegraph. The box is yet again full. We shall be collecting up until the New Year as I know the next lorry scheduled to leave for Kosovo is not until the beginning of February 2010. Thank you very much for your support.

Operation Christmas Child - As a school we were greatly moved to watch the immense impact that receiving a simple shoe box, filled with gifts, can bring to a child in another country who have so little compared to us. We have collected an amazing 139 shoe boxes and I would like to thank those of you who contributed for your generosity. Below is a poem written by Charles Lonnen and William Gore in 4NN.

Love in a Box

Dark day,
Sad me,
Brother on my lap,
Sister on my knee,

A bright box that we now see,
Laughter, happiness, just for me,
I love you all, I love you now,
We were crying, now we're smiling.

THANK YOU EVERYONE



Christmas Dinner - As we are still only able to offer 'pack-ups' at lunch time, it is clear that we will not be offering a hot Christmas Lunch as we have been able to in previous years. However, we want to have a Special Day on the last Thursday, the 17th December, before we break up for Christmas and make lunch time a little different. As part of this, the 'Friends of St Botolph's' have agreed to donate an ice cream to all children. If you do not wish your child to receive an ice cream please let the school office know.

Christmas Disco Wednesday 16th December 2009

Key Stage 1 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Key Stage 2 6.30pm – 8.00pm

Entrance to the Disco costs £3.00 per child and includes a drink, packet of crisps and a small treat at the end. Payment will be on the door

Children in Need – this year we raised £427.22. Many thanks to everyone for their contributions.

Friends of School Association -The 'Friends of St Botolph's' carry out an amazing job. They work so tirelessly behind the scenes to provide so much for all the children. With the £5000 made at the summer fete, we have been able to purchase sets of fiction books for each class, new school dictionaries, a class set of Bibles for KS1 and KS2, digital cameras and sound equipment including new speakers and microphones to increase the amplification in the hall and the quality of the sound. This equipment has already been used in class assemblies and productions. Without these 'extra' funds we would be unable to afford these things. Unfortunately, as is so often the case, this work is carried out by a very small number. Please take a few minutes to consider if you would be able to give up a small amount of your time to support the school by becoming a member of the Friends Association. If you are able to help, please leave your name at the school office. The school would like to offer to members of the Friends of St Botolph's (as a thank you for all of their hard work) the opportunity, wherever possible, to secure reserved seating for themselves and their immediate family on the front row of any production or performance in which their child is taking part. We are able to offer two seats per member and, if you wish to reserve seating, it would be your responsibility to inform the school office.

Competitions and Sporting Events in November 2009

Well done to our Football team who played an away match against Longthorpe School on 18th November. The team was made up of Bryony Fox, William Pierce, Jessica Driscoll, Mark Forge, Milos Drobac, Ben Laughton, Daniel Bonser, Declan Greene, Thomas Crowson, Jamie Homden. The whole team played extremely well and worked as a team throughout the match. The final score was 6 – 2 to St Botolph's.

On Monday 16th November, a group of ten children from Years 5 & 6 went across to Orton Longueville School to take part in a Business and Enterprise project based on 'Dragons' Den' where they had to compete against other schools in a bid to design an 'Eco Friendly' product. Our children came up with a new Restaurant where the organic menu is hand picked using a computer and grown 'out the back'; and an Eco Friendly Bin with a viewing hole to watch the worms at work and rewards you with tokens. They came back thrilled to have taken both first and second place. We are very proud of all of them. The children who took part were: Lydia Brant, Jamie Glasby, Norman Grundy, Anna Johnson, Rowan Keenan, Dillon Makwana, William Pierce, Natasha Smith, Amber Walker, Madeline Wallace, Luke Ward and Matthew Whitney.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 2nd December	8.50am Parents Coffee Morning
Wednesday 2nd December	9.45am – 11.30am – 5JM Swimming
Thursday 3 rd December	Y1 Christmas Workshop
Friday 4 th December	1.30pm – Reception Open Session
Monday 7 th December	Christmas Workshop Reception
Tuesday 8 th December	6.00pm – 7.00pm Gifted and Talented Parents Meeting
Wednesday 9 th December	9.45am – 11.30am – 5JM Swimming
Wednesday 9 th December	Y4 Pirate Day
Tuesday 10 th December	6.00pm – Choir singing at Botolphs Arms
Friday 11 th December	3.00pm – 4.00pm – Christmas Bazaar
Monday 14 th December	Y4 trips to A&E
Monday 14 th December	6.00pm Carol Singing at school
Tuesday 15 th December	Y2 Christmas Workshop
Tuesday 15 th December	2.00pm – Reception Nativity
Wednesday 16 th December	Christingle Services for KS2
Wednesday 16 th December	2.00pm – Reception Nativity
Wednesday 16 th December	'Friends' Discos
Thursday 17 th December	Choir singing at Longueville Court
Friday 18 th December	End of Term