

St Botolph's Church of England Primary school

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Welcome to another School Year!

It has been a really good start to term for everyone. All children have come back to school looking very smart indeed in their school uniform and settling down quickly to their learning. Our new reception children have all made an excellent start to school as well. They have settled very quickly and it's a joy to get to know them all. Well done everyone!

It is disappointing that we have had to start the autumn term not being able to provide hot dinners. The Governors and I are fully aware of the inconvenience that this may be causing many of you and I know how anxious you are to hear some 'Good News'. Please be assured that we are continuing to work towards a satisfactory solution for everyone. We are in close touch with our Personnel advisors and taking advice from Peterborough City Council. We will resolve this in the near future! In the meantime, please be patient with us. I will keep you all informed as soon as I have some information. Could those children who bring their own packed lunches to school please do so in a lunch box. We have to stack them on trolleys and large rucksacks take up a great deal of space. Thank you.

If you are entitled to receive free school meals can I please encourage you to apply or renew your application? Apart from entitling you to a school lunch for your child, the school receives additional funding in its budget each year based on our numbers of Free Meals we have. This obviously is of a huge benefit to the school.

Over the school holidays the older part of the school was completely rewired. That is all the Key Stage 1 classrooms, the offices, hall and corridors in this area. The outside lights were also replaced ready for those dark mornings and evenings. I'm not entirely satisfied with the current lighting levels in the corridors and working towards rectifying this over the October half term.

ParentMail - We currently have 73% of parents/carers signed up to receive letters and correspondence from school via ParentMail. It is a way in which we can ensure letters and important information get home and enables parents to be kept fully in touch with everything that is happening at school. We also keep the website up to date and of course our monthly newsletter has all dates and regular news items. If you have an internet connection at home and would like to receive letters via your email address then please get in touch with the school office. Our target is to get 85% of our parents signed up to ParentMail by the end of the year! Please remember to check your email daily for the latest news.

Parent Consultation Appointments – there will be staff available in the Hall between 2.50pm – 3.15pm on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th October to help you make your appointments, please come along and sign up.

Bag 2 School

The Friends of St Botolph's have asked for some information re the 'Bag 2 School' project that they will be running soon to be put on this newsletter. Every child will be sent home a charity bag in which you will be asked to place quality second hand ladies, men and children's clothes as well as bedding, curtains, soft toys, belts and shoes. These bags will then be collected on a specified day. The school will be offered between £200 – £400 per tonne of items collected.

Please wait for the bags to be sent to you and hopefully you will be able to help the school raise money.

Macmillan Coffee Morning/Grandparents Day - Thank you to all of you who made our coffee morning such a great success. We raised a total of £369.69

Kid's Shoes for Kosovo - The Peterborough Minister Rotary Club have approached the school to see if we could support their new project to provide the people of Kosovo with shoes for their children. It simply involves collecting children's shoes which have been outgrown, but still have wear left in them. The Rotary Club will arrange for donated shoes to be packed and dispatched to Kosovo. Many schools have already joined this most worthwhile project and I hope that St Botolphs' will be amongst those to provide help in this way as the desperate need for shoes in Kosovo remains. If you have any shoes you could donate please bring them into school where a donation box will be made available in the main foyer area clearly marked. Thank you.

Year 4 Raft Building – Monday 21st September 2009

Last week all of Year 4 went to Ferry Meadows to do raft building. Barry and Tom were our instructors. They helped us build the raft. They used four barrels, two planks of wood, lots of ropes and one paddle. It was very hard to make. Barry taught us a different knot that came in useful. When we had finished making the raft we had a group photo and then got ready to be pushed into the water.

When we were in the water everyone was shaking and scared. After about 10 seconds everyone fell in except my friend Hannah. The water was really cold and I was glad I had my life jacket on because I had to go out of my depth. I felt all the seaweed on my feet, my legs, my hands and arms. It was horrible!!! I smelt disgusting. When we got out of the water we went into the changing room. I really enjoyed my hot shower. After that we did a treasure hunt and played in the play area and went back to school. That's what we did on our school trip.

Report by Freya Larter
Class 4 NN

Reading Club – this is back on in 4NN on Wednesdays 3.00pm – 3.45pm for parents and children. For further details please see Miss Noble

Diary Dates

Friday 2 nd October	Individual and family photographs
Monday 5 th October	2.50pm – 3.15pm – Sign up for parents consultations in the Hall
Tuesday 6 th October	2.50pm – 3.15pm – Sign up for parents consultations in the Hall
Wednesday 7 th October	8.50am - Parents Coffee Morning Creative Curriculum led by Mrs McCay
Wednesday 7 th October	5NF swimming
Wednesday 7 th October	6.00pm – Meeting for Y6 parents with new head of Orton Longueville
Friday 9 th October	1.30pm – 3.00pm – Year 4 open Session
Tuesday 13 th October	Harvest Festivals in school and church
Wednesday 14 th October	Year 6 to Ely Cathedral
Wednesday 14 th October	5NF swimming
Wednesday 14 th October	Reception Pedestrian Training
Thursday 15 th October	Reception Pedestrian Training
Thursday 15 th October	9.00am – 11.00am - Y2 Open Session
Friday 16 th October	Reception Pedestrian Training
Tuesday 20 th October	5.00pm – 8.00pm – Parent Consultations
Wednesday 21 st October	5NF swimming
Thursday 22 nd October	3.15pm - 5.45pm – Parent Consultations
Friday 23 rd October	1.30pm – 3.00pm - Year 1 Open Session
Friday 23 rd October	Break up for Half Term