



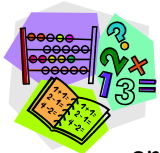
St. Alban's C of E Primary School

HEADTEACHER'S NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS

NO 10

11 March 2011

Dear Parents



Thank you to everyone who attended Numeracy Day yesterday. It is always encouraging to see so many parents and grandparents wanting to understand and help with their child's learning. Mrs Hardyman will look at the evaluation sheets and any questions asked will be answered in due course.

QUALITY MARK



On Wednesday 3 March, our school was inspected for the Quality Mark Renewal. This involved an outside consultant coming in to ensure that the school met the required standards in ten areas, which included quality of teaching, teachers' planning, marking of work and the children being able to articulate how they can improve their academic performance in maths, reading and writing.

As OFSTED will be visiting good and outstanding schools infrequently in the future, the Quality Mark is an excellent vehicle to ensure that high standards are being maintained. We achieved the Quality Mark Renewal with flying colours and the full Quality Mark report will be available on our website soon.

CONGRATULATIONS



Well done to Emma Macey who has achieved an academic scholarship to Portsmouth High School.

SCHOOL GROUNDS



Further to my last newsletter, the outdoor classroom is ready and should be delivered to the school on 14 March.

CELEBRATING RE WEEK



As part of the national "Celebrating RE" month, the school is holding an RE week from 21-25 March. To end this special week, an assembly will be held on Friday 25 March at 9.10am, to celebrate everything the children have worked on and we would very much like parents to attend.

As part of our preparation for this special week, each class entered some work into various competitions. Two of our classes were winners - Year 2 for "Celebrating our RE" and Years 3 and 4 for "Celebrating Good Times".

FUNDRAISING EVENTS



On Friday 18 March, we will be holding a non-uniform day to raise money for Red Nose Day and on Tuesday 22 March, we will be holding a mini-fair to raise money for BEATS (British Earthquake and Tsunami Support) and the Rowans Hospice. A separate letter with full details will be sent home soon.

DIARY DATE



The date for the new parents' information session for children joining the school in September 2011 will be Friday 20 May in the afternoon.

HSA MEETING



The next HSA meeting will be on Wednesday 23 March in the library at 9.00am after school drop-off. All are welcome to attend.

RECORDER PLAYERS



The Hampshire Recorder Sinfonia is forming a new group for young recorder players in Year 6 and 7 who have already been learning to play. For more details, please contact Penny Smith on 01329 834297 or visit www.hrs.hampshire.org.uk

ROYAL WEDDING LUNCH



On Thursday 28 April, Mrs Leaning will be cooking a special Royal Wedding Lunch. The menu is:

Chicken Roast with Mini Sausage

or

Vegetarian Slice with Vegetarian Sausage

with

Roast Potatoes or Pasta

Cabbage and Carrots

followed by

Jelly Delight and Heart Shaped Cookie

If you would like your child to have this special lunch, please send £2.00 in an envelope to the school office. Children who normally have a school dinner can pay in the usual way.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

Just a reminder that next week is the last week for after-school clubs. Please remember that there will be no clubs on Wednesday due to Parents' Evening.

TABLE TOP SALE



St Alban's Church is holding a Table Top Sale on 30 April 2011, starting at 10.00am. If anyone would like to hire a table for this event, donate any unwanted items or is able to help on the day, please contact Wendy Parkinson via Year 2 or on 07895 680067.

ON-LINE PAYMENTS



The school is currently looking into the facility of on-line payments so that parents can pay for school dinners, music fees and trips via the internet. We will inform you of all the details once the system is ready to be implemented.

TERM DATES

Wed 16 Mar	Parents' Evening
Thurs 24 Mar	Parents' Evening
Fri 25 Mar	RE Assembly (9.10am)
Fri 18 Mar	Non-Uniform Day
Tues 22 Mar	Fundraising Fair
Wed 23 Mar	HSA Meeting (9.00am)
Fri 8 Apr	End of term Eucharist
Tues 26 Apr	Children return to school
Thurs 28 Apr	Royal Wedding Lunch
Fri 29 Apr	Bank Holiday
Mon 2 May	Bank Holiday
Thurs 5 May	School Closed (Polling Day)
Fri 20 May	New Year R Parents' Mtg
Fri 27 May	Last day of half term
Mon 6 June	School Closed (Inset Day)
Fri 24 June	Sports Day & Summer Fair
Fri 1 July	Reserve Sports Day
Thurs 14 July	Open Evening
Wed 20 July	KS2 Concert (afternoon)
Thurs 21 July	KS2 Concert (evening)
Mon 25 July	Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Tues 26 July	End of Term Eucharist
Wed 27 July	School Closed (Inset Day)

With best wishes