



Wellow Weekly
Newsletter 14: Thursday 7 January 2010

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! Thank you to all the staff who managed to negotiate the slippery roads and snow on Friday 8th January to ensure the school was open for business. The grounds had been very well prepared by Mr Hetterley who had come out on Thursday to clear pathways and apply salt. Thank you for all the hard work Mr Hetterley. It is really appreciated.



I trust you all had a good Christmas break and found some time to catch up with family and friends. Thank you so much for all the generous gifts at the end of term. The last day of term seems a long time ago, but I wanted to congratulate the children for a super Nativity Tableau in church. Councillor Neil Butters was present with Louise Bray (governor) and they really enjoyed the event. Well done children and thank you to all the staff who made it possible.

I know Mrs Sheppard will want me to tell you her good news! On Christmas Eve morning (0849- she must have



the school body clock!), she gave birth to a beautiful little girl,

Isabella Cherry, who weighed 7lbs 1oz. Mrs Sheppard says she is amazing! Both are well and enjoying each other's company whilst getting used to the daily routines!

The weather is challenging us again, a little earlier than last year. Please make sure that your children come appropriately dressed for the weather in school colours where possible - hats, scarves, gloves and a warm coat. You would be amazed at the number of children who don't wear a coat! Please name all items to make identification clear. Could you please also make sure children keep a complete change of clothing in their PE bag in case they get wet. I would like to thank Mrs Wilmott for ensuring most of our Lost Property was reunited with its owners at the end of term. If children are coming in boots, maybe they could have a change of footwear in school too. I am also aware that many (usually girls!) are wearing hair bands and ribbons/slides that are bright and not within the school colours. I would ask you to support the school in upholding the standards of school uniform. It is noticed by so many people when they visit or we are out and about. Thank you in anticipation.

Many of our children in Class 2 have been successful in a recent writing competition. I am aware that having received a certificate you were also invited to purchase a book which may contain your child's poem. I believe that each parent has to grant permission for the child's work to be published and this is contained

within the documents that have been sent out to the successful writers. The school will receive a complimentary copy of the book eventually. If you want further information see the website. www.youngwriters.co.uk/MyFirstAcrostic.html Well done to the super class 2 writers. Maybe we can get the local press in to take a photo!



I would like to welcome Mrs Wendy Stephenson on to the staff. Mrs Stephenson will be working in the school office with Mrs Boswell. I do hope you will make her feel welcome and bear with her as she learns the school systems. It is great to have her with us. Welcome Wendy!

The time has arrived again when I need to review the Travel Plan which I wrote last year. I am sending out a questionnaire to all families and I would ask you to return it to me as soon as possible so that I can analyse the results and hopefully show that we have reached our targets of reducing the number of children who are dropped off by car and increasing the number of children who walk at least part of the way to school! Parking your car at the village car park or Village Hall and walking would be a way of increasing our walking to school figures and increasing the stamina levels of the whole family! It would also make crossing the roads near school much safer for everyone as it would give clearer vision. Can I remind all of you that Farm Lane, Mill Hill and High Street are all busy roads and that we need to educate the children to cross in the safest way possible- directly across each of these junctions rather than diagonally across from school to the far side of Farm Lane! Go on, make it a New Year's Resolution!!

Year 2 & 3 children will be starting Pedestrian Training on Monday 11th January, weather permitting. Letters from B&NES will be coming home today. **We need at least EIGHT volunteers** for three afternoons, 18th, 25th January and 1st February. *If parents of children in any other year groups are able to help, please let us know.*



How are the daffodils doing?? We have been asked to be a photo call school for Marie Curie Cancer Care. On Friday 26th February we will hold our "Wear Yellow Day" . All the children will need to return their daffodils to school in the pots and they will decorate the pots. A donation of at **least £1** will be asked for on this occasion and as mentioned in the 15th October newsletter, they will then be able to take their daffodil home and give it to someone they care about.

I am very pleased to tell you that the school has recently had its Inclusion Quality Mark renewed. Thank you to all the staff, pupils and parents who were interviewed in respect of this renewal procedure. Thank you to Mrs Soccorso for leading on this initiative. This is an excellent award to hold. Well done St Julian's School community!

Jane Gascoigne, Headteacher

LOST AND FOUND

Lost - a pair of NIKE trainers size 3, white and grey with an orange tick. These should be named – please check to see whether your child has brought them home by mistake.

Found – two folding garden chairs have been in school for a few weeks now. We are not sure whether they are from the Christmas Fair or the Egg Theatre production. Could the owner please collect from the office.

REMINDERS

Please remember to check the letters list on every newsletter and ask for copies of any letters you have missed, so you can send in your consent forms for any trips that your child is going on. We try to keep a supply of spare copies in the foyer and update the website regularly but you can always phone/email to ask for one to be put in your bag.



James Watts is again offering music tuition in a variety of instruments including recorder, flute, clarinet, oboe, guitar, ukelele or piano. He is also willing to create a varied program of lessons working with different instruments, allowing the child to find the instrument that suits them best. This may include work with the collection of percussion instruments at St Julian's, as well as playing with singing and movement. Lessons will take place during school lunch breaks, price £5 for 15 minutes for individuals but with the option of sharing. We have given his letter to existing pupils - please collect a copy from the office if you are interested.

James still has spaces available after school to teach instrumental lessons in recorder, flute, clarinet, oboe, piano, guitar and music theory. Also, James will also be starting two after school group music classes at his home, the Maltings, just down the hill from the school. The classes will be for groups of up to 5 children, to share in their musical learning with their peers. The Monday class will be to learn recorder, the Tuesday class will be to work with a variety of instruments, including piano and percussion. Both classes will start to teach the basics of theory and notation. The classes will be an hour long, from 3.30-4.30, and arrangements can be made to collect your child from school. The cost will be between £5-£10 depending on the numbers in the class. Monday and Tuesday are the proposed days for the classes, but alternatives can be found if the need is there. Please contact James to register on the class, and for any further information. jamesoboe@googlemail.com 01225 833086.

Dates for your Diaries:

11 Jan	Pedestrian Training Years 2-3 (playground)
18 Jan	Raph's football club starts
18 Jan	Pedestrian Training VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PM
25 Jan	Pedestrian Training VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PM
2 Feb	Pedestrian Training VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PM
INSET days	30 Apr 2010, 7 Jun 2010, 22-23 July

CLUBS - BOOK NOW!

Raph's Football Club will not now start until Monday, 18th January. He will provide letters next week.

Judo Club will start back on 13 January at 8.00 am in the school hall. The price for 10 weeks is £35. Please collect a School Judo UK letter from the foyer.

Mrs Handel's is running a COOL COOKING FOR BOYS **Cookery Club** starting on Tuesday 12th January 3.15-4.40 pm, price £32.50 for 5 weeks. Forms are available from the foyer.

The **Thursday Football Club** run by Mr Young at Shoscombe Church school will continue this term. All children in Year 4, 5 and 6 are welcome.

The **Music Technology Club** run by Dan Harper of Writhlington Extended Services will NOT run at St Julian's this year but it will run at Shoscombe Church School. All children in Years 5 & 6 are welcome to attend this at Shoscombe school. It will be from 1520 to 1615 on Wednesdays starting on Wednesday 13th January.

Sam Kirby who runs Tennis coaching and clubs locally, and who is known to some parents, has enough bookings to run his **Tennis Club** for Years 1-3 on Tuesday lunchtimes from 1230 to 1310 and is now able to offer a second club on Thursday lunchtimes for Year 4-6. The cost for 10 sessions will be £28, payable in advance. A flier will be available in the office.

Only two people have signed up for our free **Basketball Club** which was due to start today, but is cancelled due to the weather. This will now commence on Friday, 15th January for 4 weeks PROVIDED WE GET MORE INTEREST. This club is for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Netball Club will run on a Tuesday after school from Tuesday 12th January. This will be a free club and open to Years 3-6.

At the moment we don't have enough people to go ahead with **Tag Rugby Club** for Y1/2. If anyone else is interested please collect details from the office. Cost £3 per session. £12 for the four sessions from Wednesday 13th to 3rd February.

Please use red club booking slips unless otherwise stated.