



Wellow Weekly
Newsletter 15: Thursday 21 January 2010

Dear Parents,

Hopefully all the snow is over! Thank you for your patience and understanding. I really appreciate the parents (Class Reps) who offered to be the contact numbers for classes to call. The Bathnes website was also successful in updating, although a little late last Wednesday I believe!

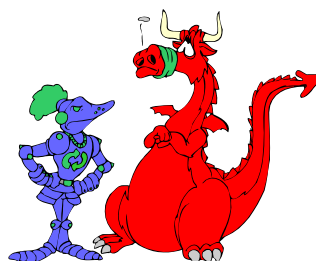


If you have some old football boots that your children have grown out of but still have some life in them, bring them into school and give them to Gary Curtis or Raph Burke. They will then have a store of football boots that can be sold for £5 per pair and the profit fed back into football resources. If you have any other questions see Raph or Gary.



We are looking forward to this term...now we have had a full week! Saint George and the Dragon is the theme and the children are really switched on! I am sure you are going to want to

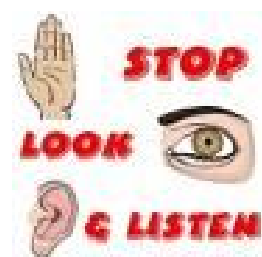
get involved in the homework and learning. If you can offer your services in any way please talk to the class teachers.



We shall be basing our events during our Book Week from 1-5 February on the theme of George and the Dragon and there will definitely be a day when we ask children to dress up (date yet to be decided). You might like to start thinking NOW about costumes for princesses, knights, mythical creatures, white horses, wizards - ideas welcome!

Finally, **congratulations** to Finley Jackson for winning two more goal medals for the butterfly stroke. Fin is swimming at county level. Well done.

Jane Gascoigne, Headteacher



Pedestrian training started really well on Monday. Thank you to the parents who volunteered to help. The children learnt about safe places to cross and all about the Green Cross

Code, line of vision and about how important it is to look and listen all the time as you cross in a straight line directly across the road.. *Please talk to your children about their learning and reinforce it* especially when crossing from across the main road and then Farm Lane. I see so many people standing in the middle of Mill Hill and crossing diagonally **which contradicts everything we teach the children.**

We want to develop the adventure play area further in the next year and are very hopeful that we will receive money to do so. We also want to make sure that it can be used for as much of the year as possible. The reason we don't use it throughout the winter is because it gets slippery and as a result clothes get dirty!. Please bear this in mind and don't throw out all those old clothes that are slightly too small! We would ask that **all** children have a spare set of clothing in a bag on their peg.... *you could purchase an Eco-School bag from the office at £3.50.*

Thank you to Mr Carter and Mr Beale for taking the old fridge/freezer to the tip. It's great to see the back of it! Thanks, gents.



Please support our **CAKE SALE tomorrow** (Friday, 22 January) in aid of the **Haiti Earthquake Disaster Fund**. Please send in cakes for sale in the morning and make sure your child has 25p to buy a cake at break time.

HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENTS are coming out today to all children in Reception, and to those children for whom we do not have a copy on file. Please read them with your child and sign and return the slip.

MILK invoices were sent out this week to pupils on our list. If you would like your child to have school milk, please ask in the office. If you wish to cancel, please return the slip to let us know.

CLUBS

.. have been disrupted by weather and other factors. We will try to keep this section of the newsletter updated with news as it is given to us – assume no news means that clubs are running normally!

Judo Club started back one week late on 20 January.

Sam Kirby cancelled his lunchtime **Tennis Club** for Years 1-3 on Tuesday 19 January due to illness. He hopes to make up for this one and the 12th January (cancelled due to weather) by the end of term. Sam has offered a second lunchtime session on Thursdays for the Y4-6 children but so far we have too few for this to be viable. The cost for 10 sessions will be £28, payable in advance. A special booking form is available from the office.

Basketball Club has not yet started as there were not enough children interested. This is a free club and open to Y3, 4, 5 and 6 running up to the end of term.

Netball Club started one week late on Tuesday 19th January. This is a free club for Years 3-6. At the time of writing we are not sure how many sessions are left, but we hope to run until 9 February.

Tag Rugby Club for Y1/2 started this week and will now finish on 10 February.

Please use red club booking slips unless otherwise stated.

Dates for your Diaries:

25 Jan	Pedestrian Training Y2
27 Jan	PTA meeting 7pm
28 Jan	Wellow Lunch Club
28 Jan	Full Governing Body Meeting 7pm
1-5 Feb	Book Week
2 Feb	Pedestrian Training Y2 FINAL
5 Feb	Y5 Basketball Festival Writhlington TBC
11 Feb	Parents Evening
INSET	30 Apr 2010, 7 Jun 2010, 22-23 July

Letters sent out since last newsletter:

No	Date	To/subject
34	14.12.09	Tag Rugby club Term 3 (those concerned)
35	19.01.10	Milk Spring terms 3 & 4 (those concerned)
36	19.01.10	Cake Sale letter all parents
	20.01.10	Home School Agreements

We have been asked to pass on the following items:-

Parent's Forum meeting Wednesday 27th January 2010

The Parent's Forum is an opportunity for parents to meet and discuss educational provision for children with additional needs in Bath and North East Somerset.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 27th January 2010 from 10.00am until 12 noon at Somervale School, Midsomer Norton.

Nigel Harrison, Inclusion Support Services Manager will be speaking about the role of Inclusion Support Services.

As space is limited, please ring Chris Jorgensen on 01225 394382 or Julie Tweedie on 01225 394476 to book a place.

Tea and Coffee will be served.

Now in its third year, the Council's Employee Excellence Awards scheme is now open to any school staff employed through Bath & North East Somerset Council. The Council is keen to encourage nominations from Bath & North East Somerset schools, so please extend this call for nominations throughout your school.

The awards are the Council's way of recognising and thanking those staff members who are going the extra mile in delivering excellent services. Award winners will be presented with a certificate, trophy and gift token for £100 (£250 for teams) at a special ceremony at the Roman Baths in the spring.

Nominations are welcomed from teachers or any other school staff, and from members of the public. Whole departments and teams can be nominated, as well as individuals.

The four judging categories are:

- Excellent service (Going beyond the call of duty)
- Exceptional circumstances (Providing a great service under pressure)
- Efficiency (Finding even better ways of doing a job well)
- Charitable or exceptional act (Any charitable effort or single exceptional act you'd like recognised)

Judging for the 2009 awards take place in January, with an evening ceremony likely to be on 9 March 2010.

Nominations can be made online or via the awards scheme leaflet, both available via www.bathnes.gov.uk/excellence.