

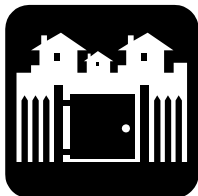
Wellow Weekly

Newsletter 20: Thursday 4 March 2010



Dear Parents,

One or two of you may be aware of the Signing In sheet in the office area, for children who miss registration in the classrooms or who have an early appointment at the dentist or doctor. I would also ask parents who are collecting children early to sign them out on the same sheet. We need our records to be accurate in case of emergencies. We do of course hope that children only have to sign in late very occasionally as lateness affects readiness for learning. Thank you for your continued support.



The school gates will be open each morning from 0845 and again at 1510 to allow you to collect children. If you are aware of the code for the gate because you have been given it for other purposes, please do not abuse

this and open the gate. Mr Hetterley will open the gate at 1510. On a Wednesday morning when Judo Club takes place, the gates will be open from 0750 and locked again at 0810 until 0845. Would all parents and carers delivering the children for Judo please remember that we do not use the kitchen door for entering or exiting the hall. Please use the corridor for this purpose.

Remember all children need to have pair of wellies in school each day to enable them to use the adventure play space.



Our new greenhouse looks wonderful - thank you PTA for this. We are really looking forward to working with our team of volunteers to fill it with super seedlings. Do join in the fun of this with the children. We have 4 committed volunteers but would love to encourage more of you to support our venture to grow more fruit and vegetables.. I would remind parents/careers that the greenhouse is not a playhouse and should not be used as such. Please do not allow your children to go in there at the end of the day.

On a similar note, we do not allow the children to climb on the walls in school. Please support us by discouraging this at the end of the day too. Thank you.

Lucy White recently achieved a grand total of Five Silver Medals at Frome Swimming Club Championships. They were awarded for the following events:

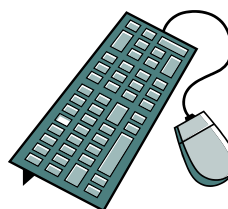
Girls 10 / 11 yrs 50m Front Crawl, 50m Butterfly, 200m Front Crawl and 100m Individual Medley and the Final 50m Women's Handicap. A presentation awards evening was held at Frome Football Club where each club member was presented with their medals by the Frome Swimming Club President. If anyone would like more information about or would like to join Frome Swimming Club, please visit www.fromeswimming.btik.com. Well done, Lucy, we are proud of you!

Please keep buying the **Bath Chronicle and saving the 'Cash for schools' tokens as well as Sainsburys and Tesco.**

Wellow History Evening 11th Match 7.30 pm

The village hall is hosting a fascinating talk on the history of our beautiful village by Dennis Chedgley of Radstock Museum. It will cover a range of subjects - the School, Church, Pubs, Farms, the Railway and the Canal, as well as interesting characters from the past. There will also be a visual display of photos by Sue Hewlett. Do go along and support Wellow Village Hall. Tickets are £3 each and available from Vicky Hammerton 835840 or from the Parlour Shop. Thank you.

Our Caretaker, Mark Hetterley's, leaving date is drawing closer and we would like to be able to get his leaving gift in good time. Please show your appreciation and send in donations as soon as possible. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.



Letters from Pica Training offering Touch Typing lessons were sent out to Class 4 children this week. Please return the slips if you are interested in finding out more about this.

Finally, if you have not yet done so, please sign the appointment sheets in the hall to book your slot for Parents Evenings next week.

Jane Gascoigne, Headteacher

PTA NEWS

Please support us and enter the **Easter Competition**. Easter cards, poems and decorated eggs need to be handed in by Monday 29 March. Easter Bonnets in on Wednesday 31 March to be paraded at Church. Cost to enter £1.

Next PTA meeting **Wed 10th March** 7 pm at the Fox & Badger Dining Room.

Breakfast at School Thursday 11th March 8.00 am. Cost £2.50 per child. Please fill in your slips and reply now as we need a few more to take part.

Yellow Moon Catalogues coming home this week. All purchases incur cash back to the school, some as high as 25%. The more you buy, the more we make!

Please support your PTA. All money raised will be going to help us buy plants and equipment to use in our new greenhouse.

CLUBS

TAG RUGBY

Jacob Dixon's Tag Rugby Club for Class 1 & 2 children will start next Wednesday, 3 March. Please collect a letter from the office if you would like to join (existing members have been sent a letter via book bags).

Lemons and Honey Cooking Club started on Monday 1st March but there are two places left. See Mrs Handel.

Dates for your Diaries:

10-11 Mar	Parents Evenings
11 Mar	Breakfast Day for Breakfast Week
25 Mar	Dance Umbrella
INSET	30 Apr 2010, 7 Jun 2010, 22-23 July
26-29 July	Apex Summer Holiday Opportunity Years 4-6

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

Interested in gaining a childcare qualification?

Bath & North East Somerset Council is hosting a Qualifications Information Drop-in Session in the Council Chamber at Keynsham Town Hall on Wednesday 24th March from 4pm to 7pm.

Representatives from the following training providers will be available throughout the session to give you information and advice about the courses they currently offer as well as those they will be offering from September:

- Bath Area Play Project
- Bath Spa University
- City of Bath College
- City of Bristol College
- Kelston Training
- Norton Radstock College
- The Childcare Company (distance learning provider)
- Ultra Training
- University of the West of England (UWE)

Leaflets and prospectuses will available for:

- Best Practice Network
- Norland College
- University of Gloucester

Also represented at the event will be Bath and North East Somerset's Early Years and Extended Services **Training Team**, the **Family Information Service** and **Train2Gain**, for information and guidance about careers in childcare, and opportunities for funding towards qualifications.

Please let us know that you plan to attend by contacting Lucy Bodey on Lucy_Bodey@bathnes.gov.uk or 01225 394102.

SOMERVALE SCHOOL'S FIRST PRODUCTION IN THREE YEARS WITCHES – Why not 'Join us for a Spell'?

Somervale School is proudly staging our first Production in three years and invites you to join us in a time before Easyjet and Eurostar; to a Britain where Blackpool reigned supreme as the ultimate summer holiday destination: With its state of the art pleasure beach, tower, illuminations and tantalizing array of entertainments. It is here we lay our scene and join Sandy Castle, the star of Broomsticks over Blackpool Pier, and the Plodthwaite family on their summer holiday. Unbeknown to The Plodthwaites, their old arch-enemy Jezebel, High Priestess of Pendle Coven of Witches and her band of evil sisters, are hot their heels and are determined to ruin their holiday and jeopardize Sandy's show.

Witches! A Musical Comedy

written by **Jeremy James Taylor & David Nield**

Jezebel, High Priestess of the Pendle Coven of Witches, divides her time between plotting against Police Chief Perceval Plodthwaite and his intrepid force and provoking the Witches' latest recruit Belinda - who only joined them because of a spelling mistake! When Jezebel hears that the celebrated Music Hall star Sandy Castle is lampooning her in his act, she declares war on him too and the broomstick squadron set off for Blackpool. Chaos ensues and everyone finally meets in direct conflict on the stage of the theatre, on August Bank Holiday, 1930. There is a mad frolic and a happy ending!

Tickets for 'Witches' are now on sale from the school office for performances on the evenings of 9th, 10th and 11th March at a cost of £5.00 each (£2 for senior citizens and children under 16). Telephone 01761 414276 for more details.

Recent Letters

No	Date	To/subject
41	01.02.10	Fruit Veg Terms 3 & 4 C3&4
42	03.02.10	Dance Umbrella C4
43	24.02.10	Parents Evening Meetings

Repeated from previous newsletters:

APEX Summer Holiday Opportunity 2010

Monday 26th July - Thursday 29th July 2010

at Hayesfield School in Bath

Monday - Wednesday

9am until 3.00pm for Years 4 & 5

9.30am until 3.30pm for Year 6 and above

Thursday

9am until 6pm for all

to include Presentation Ceremony at The Forum 4-6pm (Parents invited)

Parents & Pupils Introductory Evening

7th July at Hayesfield School

6pm for Years 4&5

7pm for Years 6 and above

Full Details of Workshops to be published to Schools at the end of April 2010.

Michelle Sims, APEX Projects Manager
School Improvement & Achievement
Bath & North East Somerset Council
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Free School Meals

We would like to encourage all eligible families to claim their free school meals entitlement, even if children don't always take the dinners. **Being on the list also entitles your child to funding for other activities under the Your Time scheme.**

You are entitled to claim free school meals for your child(ren) if you are receiving one of the following benefits:

- Income Support
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, **without any** Working Tax Credit, and an annual household income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenues and Customs) that is not more than £16,040.

If you wish to apply for free school meals, and your child(ren) go to a Bath and North East Somerset school, either contact B&NES and request an application form or download the application form from their website www.bathnes.gov.uk/BathNES/educationandlearning/Schoolsandcolleges/schoolmeals, print it off and send it in to them. They cannot accept applications via email. When you send in your application you will also need to provide confirmation that you are in receipt of one of the benefits above.

To talk to someone about free school meals in Bath and North East Somerset, please phone 01225 394317, email freeschoolmeals@bathnes.gov.uk or write to Student Support, PO Box 25, Riverside, Temple Street, Keynsham, Bristol, BS31 1DN.