



Wellow Weekly Newsletter 21: Thursday 11 March 2010

Dear Parents,

A few of you have been sending in a single cheque to the office for multiple items. Although we can usually manage to split these between payments for school related expenditure (except dinners), we are unable to split between **PTA** and school. **PTA items need to come in sealed envelopes, clearly labelled with the name/class of the child and purpose of payment** so that we can pass on any that come to the office without opening them. *Payments for school dinners also need to remain separate, payable to B&NES. There is going to be a separate box in each class for PTA collection of money by class reps. Please explain this to your children so that they can put it into the correct box.*



We have just sent off £4,760 worth of tokens for the Bath Chronicle Cash for Schools competition. We hope that many people are sending them in direct to the address on the voting panel. You only need to fill in one voting panel for all tokens giving total cash value. **Please note the deadline for getting them to the Chronicle office is midday on 26th March**, even though the last issue is to be published on the day before. So we will need to act quickly!

Last week we raised £108.50 for the Marie Curie Cancer Care charity - well done, everybody and thank you for supporting charity events through school.

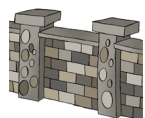


I have had conversations with a few people about crossing the road outside school. I am so pleased that many of you are in agreement with me about the importance of teaching children how to safely cross what is a very dangerous crossroad. I am sorry that yesterday a delivery van parked across Farm Lane and blocked the crossing point. I did speak to him and explain how dangerous this was. He agreed to park elsewhere next time.

You will have noticed that we have a wonderful new storage planter outside Class 1 and 2! This has been provided by the Riverford Organic Fruit and Vegetable scheme, who deliver to school for those parents who order their boxes each week. The school receives a payment each year based on the number of boxes. Riverford are very generous to us and this storage box is just one example!! Please consider ordering your vegetables through them. We are looking forward to planting some seeds on the top and watching them grow.



You will have seen a dedicated group of parents preparing for planting this week. Thank you to Jacky Houdret, Ruth Brown and Joanne Macinnes for standing out in the chilly wind on Wednesday morning planting herbs and sunflower seeds. Thank you ladies. Please come and join the fun. The more volunteers we have the better for our growing school image!!



Thank you to all of you who have heeded the request concerning climbing on walls. I appreciate your support.

It is really good to see so many of you engaging in the parent's meetings this week. It is encouraging to know that we have strong partnership in developing your children's learning opportunities.



Family SEAL takes place again next week on Wednesday afternoon. (17th March). The activities will be based around the theme of "It's good to be me". If you are interested in working alongside your child/children from 1330 to 1430 please let Mrs Rodford know. There will be a sign up sheet on her classroom door. All are welcome. It is a chance to talk to your children about their learning and to find out how we do things in school! Do come along, the more we have the better. We do provide refreshments and so we like to know how many to expect!

We are sorry to inform you that Mr Nick Hawkins has resigned his position as school governor. I would like to thank Nick for all he has done over the years as a governor for St Julian's. We appreciate the time and effort given. This does mean that we have a vacancy for Parent Governor. Please complete a nomination form if you are interested in this exciting role.



We have been successful in securing a pot of money to further develop the adventure play space. Along with the PTA's fundraising over the last few year, this money will provide some new structures very soon. Development

will start as soon as we can!! Please continue to support the PTA events. The next event is the Quiz night on Friday 19th March. Get your team together for an evening of fun!



I am giving forward notice of our Easter Service which will take place on Wednesday 31st March at 0930 in St Julian's Church. Please come along and join in the reflections on Holy Week with us. It is important that as a Church school we understand the significance of Easter Sunday through the events of the previous week. Easter Sunday will mean so much more.



Whilst on the Easter theme, can I remind you of the competitions being run by the PTA on the Easter theme. All entries except Easter hats are due in on 29th March. Hats are due in on 31st March.

Sports clubs in and out of school are heartily encouraged. I know many of you take your children to various clubs after school and at the weekends. Please would you collect a leaflet from any Sports Club that your children attend and bring it into school in order to help me show the links with clubs we have as a school.



Last, but certainly not least, I have arranged for Quantum theatre company to present a show called 'What if it Rains?' The show encourages walking to school by showing the fun of the journey, how exercise benefits the body and the environmental impact of removing cars from the roads at

both a local and global level, and as it's National Science Week there are several science sections (on the respiratory system and the science behind 'The Greenhouse Effect') that tie in very nicely.

This will take place on **Wednesday 17th March at 10am and will be at no cost to parents.** I hope you will feel able to discuss the contents of the show with your children and ask them what they enjoyed and learned.

Jane Gascoigne, Headteacher

Dates for your Diaries:

17 Mar	Family SEAL
17 Mar	Quantum Theatre 'What if it rains?'
23 Mar	Rainbow Theatre Easter Story
25 Mar	Dance Umbrella (Class 4)
31 Mar	Easter Service
22 Apr	Lifeskills Visit Class 4
INSET	30 Apr 2010, 7 Jun 2010, 22-23 July

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
44	26/02/10	Polite reminder to Class 2 parents/carers
45	03/03/10	Rainbow Theatre - The Easter Story

We have been asked to pass on the following items:- (repeated from previous newsletters)

APEX Summer Holiday Opportunity 2010 - early notice

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.
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 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.

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.