



**Wellow Weekly**  
**Newsletter 22: Thursday 25 March 2010**

Dear Parents,

Thank you to all of you who have either given your **Bath Chronicle** vouchers in to the office or sent them off directly to the Chronicle office. The last voucher will be printed on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Thankfully, the deadline has now been extended to THURSDAY 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL. Ruth Brown will be in the playground collecting the final vouchers on Friday morning so please please please collect as many as you can and hand them in. We have big plans for the money!! Watch this space.

We had a super time with the French school from Joué sur Erdre who visited on Monday afternoon. Although the children were a little shy at first, once they got going on the village trail and parachute games they had fun, in spite of the rain - I think they were anticipating rain in England! They are very keen for us to continue corresponding and talked of "twinning" arrangements with the village. I have spoken to the Parish Council and the PCC too. It sounds like a magnificent opportunity. I am truly grateful to every single member of staff who helped on Monday. The team effort was tremendous. Kitchen staff had to deal with 51 extras for hot dinners! Lunchtime supervisors coped with more children playing, and teachers and teaching assistants stayed to help serve lunch and clear tables and wash up. Mrs Obolensky and Mrs Holland were our able translators. It is just another example of the excellent team that is St Julian's. Merci beaucoup tout le monde!!



On Tuesday afternoon the children were mesmerised by Rainbow Theatre Company's outstanding retelling of the Easter Story. I have seen this production several times before, but I could watch it over and over again. It is a powerful portrayal of the events

of Holy Week, the week before the crucifixion and Easter morning. It was very cleverly acted and the humour and serious messages were handled with skill. The children were fully involved at all times and they couldn't believe it was home-time at the end of the production. Thank you for supporting this event through your voluntary contributions. I am sure the children's Easter experience will be much richer because of it.

We will be using the learning from this to support our Easter Service this year. Please come along on Wednesday morning next week to join in with our celebration in St Julian's church at 0930.

As you know, Mr Hetterley is leaving us at the end of this term to begin the next phase of his life in the New Forest. Many of you have shown your appreciation already but, if you have not, it is not too late. Please give donations to the school office in a clearly marked envelope. I would like to invite you to our final assembly on Thursday afternoon, 1st April, at 1445 when we will say goodbye to Mr Hetterley and thank him for his 20 years of dedicated care of St Julian's School.



Don't forget **tomorrow** we will be supporting **Sport Relief** by wearing something red and running a mile! Do give as generously as you can to this worthwhile cause.

Please remember to bring in your entries for the **PTA Easter Competition** - write a poem, make a card, make an Easter bonnet or decorate an egg (blown). Everything except the bonnets needs to come to school on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Bonnets come to school to be worn to church on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**Parent Governor Vacancy**

We did give parents until 26<sup>th</sup> March to hand in nomination forms for the parent governor vacancy. Now, however, we anticipate a second vacancy due to the end of a four year term of office on 30<sup>th</sup> April, and we have been advised that we can extend the deadline to this date. So far we have had no approaches - **please think about whether you could give the time to this very valuable role**. Any governor, myself included, will be glad to offer advice, or you can ask Sally Boswell in the office for further information.

I have a little competition for Easter. Can you answer the following questions:

1. Who wrote "How to train your dragon?"
2. What is the dragon trainer's name?
3. What is the breed of dragon?
4. What period of history is represented?

*Answers to Mrs Gascoigne on the slip overleaf.*

*Jane Gascoigne, Headteacher*

**New Arrangements for Dinner Money**  
**IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ**

We have sent letters to everyone who is currently in arrears, however small the amount, as we have to **balance our dinner registers by the end of term**. Please ensure that you pay the arrears and



- the cost of dinners taken this week
  - advance payment for any dinners you will order next week
- by Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March at the very latest.**

Schools are required by B&NES to collect advance payments for ALL dinners. We are not allowed to provide dinners for any family who is in arrears. **Starting on 19<sup>th</sup> April, parents must send in dinner money on the first day of every week** (or month, if preferred) **with a note of the days on which their child would like to have a school dinner**. Please be assured that your account will be credited for any dinners not taken.

REMINDER - **Residential Trip payments** are due to be made in full by 1<sup>st</sup> April. But with the financial year end looming, **it would be really appreciated if we could have your cheques in time for banking on the morning of Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> March.**

**Dates for your Diaries:**

25 Mar	Dance Umbrella (Class 4)
<b>31 Mar</b>	<b>Easter Service 9.30 ALL WELCOME</b>
22 Apr	Lifeskills Visit Class 4
INSET	<b>30 Apr 2010, 7 Jun 2010, 22-23 July</b>

**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
46	12/03/10	Lifeskills - Class 4
47	24/03/10	Swimming letters T5&6 (class 4 only)

**Ink Cartridges available**

We are clearing out stocks of ink cartridges (unused) for printers that are no longer in school. If you know of anyone who would like any of the following, please ask in the office. Small donations would be appreciated.

- Epson Stylus C42 Black and Tri Colour
- Epson Stylus Colour 440,640, 740
- Epson Stylus Photo 810 5 colour
- HP20 Black and Tri-colour (used here for Hewlett Packard Deskjet 610C but there is a long list of other HP machines which they fit, including Apollo P21-26 and HP 1010/1020 fax machines)

**Tesco's Printer Ink Cartridge Recycling**

In the office we have a list of printer cartridges that can be recycled to add to our points on the **Cash for Schools** scheme. This can also be viewed on the Tesco's Cash for Schools website. *Please collect a special envelope from the office if your printer is listed, and use it to recycle your old cartridges.*

**Easter Quiz**

Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Answers

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

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

**FREE Parenting Skills course – “The Incredible Years”**

All parents, whatever their circumstances, find parenting difficult or challenging at times!

To assist parents to acquire or develop key parenting skills and strategies which can help address or avoid children's behavioural problems, as well as increasing children's social skills and their self-confidence, Barnardo's is hosting a free parenting skills course for the parents of children aged 2-8.

The course, which is being held in Midsomer Norton, involves a weekly, 2 hour workshop (from 12.30pm to 2.30pm) and runs for 12 weeks, starting on 28 April and finishing on 21 July. All workshops are led by trained facilitators, who are encouraging and supportive, but not judgemental! A free crèche will be available for any parents who need one to enable them to attend the course themselves.

If you would like to apply for a place on the course or would like further information, you can contact Barnardo's direct (Tony Day on 01761 404262/01761 410413, [tony.day@barnardos.org.uk](mailto:tony.day@barnardos.org.uk)), or speak to the school's Parent Support Adviser or ask in the school office for an information leaflet and application form.


If you are interested, please act quickly as the course starts on 28 April and is likely to be popular.

Magic Box Pre-school are holding an **Easter Fayre** this **Saturday 27th March** between 2pm and 4pm at the village hall in Wellow, they would love to see you there. There will be face painting, tombola, raffle, cakes for sale, craft stalls, Easter egg hunt, bouncy castle, teas and lots of other stalls. Please come along and join in the fun. There will also be a second hand toy stall, so if anyone is having a clear out and would like to donate good quality second hand toys, please contact Annabel Collins or bring them up to the hall on Saturday between 12pm and 1.30pm. *Any donations of cakes, raffle or tombola prizes also gratefully received.*

**PTA NEWS**

Grateful thanks to Laura Brennand for donating to the PTA £51 - proceeds of her coffee morning/sale of Neals' Yard products.

**CLUBS TERMS 5 & 6**



**Tennis Coaching** will be extended to Y4 (as well as Y1-Y3) after Easter, on Tuesdays from 1230-1310 with Sam Kirby. The cost is £28 for ten weeks. **Places are limited and will be offered on a first come, first served basis.** *Please collect a form from the office and sign up by 30<sup>th</sup> March.*

On **Thursday, 25 March at 7 pm**, Wellow Village Hall (sponsored by Wellow Futures and NE Somerset LibDems) are presenting an Indie Screening of **'The Age of Stupid'**, a new cinema documentary starring Oscar-nominated Pete Postlethwaite as an old man living in the devastated world of **2055**, watching 'archive' footage from 2008 and asking: why didn't we stop climate change while we had the chance? **Free entry** but donations towards costs appreciated.