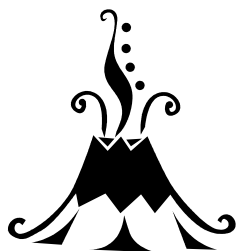




**Wellow Weekly**  
**Newsletter 26: Thursday 29 April 2010**

Dear Parents,

It is so good to have the whole team together again. We have just heard that our one outstanding pupil who was stuck in South Africa is on her way home at last! Who would have thought that a volcano in Iceland could affect the world so acutely? Just goes to show the power of creation!



During the last week of the Easter holidays, Mrs Miles, Mrs Rodford and I had the opportunity to visit Norwegian schools in Bergen. We learned about their education systems and attitude to learning through visiting outdoor mountain

schools, town schools, new schools and older schools. We were particularly impressed by the independence of the children and the attitude to risks and life skills. We watched 3-year-olds in kindergarten climbing trees and eating ants! Children were allowed to be children, and were not cosseted and wrapped in cotton wool. It was an inspiring visit and will definitely have an impact on our outlook.

With the newsletter this week is the analysis of the parental questionnaire about travel to school. There has been a remarkable improvement in the number of people walking to school which is very encouraging. Thank you to all who make the effort to avoid the congestion around the school. Several people have expressed a desire to use and help with a Walking Bus. Please return the slip overleaf to show which days you would be available to man a Walking Bus from the village hall car park, leaving at 0840. Also return the slip to show whether or not you would be prepared to use the Walking Bus.

The village council have agreed that some works should take place around Farm Lane/Mill Hill and High Street. This work may begin before the end of the summer term. It would be vital then that parents park further away from school and a Walking Bus would be very useful.

Thanks to Mr Mannings for renewing the pipework on the water fountains following frost damage. We appreciate his generous gift of time and skill.

*Jane Gascoigne, Headteacher*

**NETBALL CLUB**

Sorry we have been unable to find an alternative coach for this term.

**NEAL'S YARD PARTY**

*Organic Skincare, Powered by Nature*

A reminder that orders placed with Neal's Yard Organics before the end of April will see 10% of the order going to the PTA. We have raised over £70 already! Suncreams are now available. Check out the range at [www.nyrhome.com/shop/inspirationretreat](http://www.nyrhome.com/shop/inspirationretreat). But don't order online, please call Laura on 07872 958803 or email [inspirationretreat@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:inspirationretreat@yahoo.co.uk) with your order. Or pop along to the Neal's Yard Party at Dunkerton Village Hall on **Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> April** at 7.30 pm.

**PTA NEWS**

**The next PTA meeting will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00 PM at school. Everyone is welcome to attend.**



**DUCK RACE – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 5.30-8.00 pm with BAR**

Ticket prices INCLUDING SUPPER

£10 for families (2Adults & 3children)

Adults £3, Children age 3+ £2

Ducks for racing £1 each (buy on the night)

**BOOK NOW** please send payment in a named envelope marked 'Duck Race' (cheques to St Julian's School Association) and ask your child to put in the PTA tub in their classrooms. Tickets will be issued in an envelope and given to your child.

**SCHOOL MILK**



Letters are going out this week to those who have school milk. If anyone else would like to take part, please ask in the office. Price 25p per day.

The new arrangements for **Dinner Money** are working well with the majority of parents sending in payment on Mondays in marked envelopes to the classroom but there are still a few exceptions. We try hard to accommodate all needs at St Julian's – most schools operate an 'all or nothing' (dinners or sandwiches) policy – so it makes a big difference to the office workload if we can have the information we need on a Monday morning, preferably in writing. Please keep it up!



## MEET YOUR BEAT TEAM

at the  
Community Room, Manor Close, Wellow.  
**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2010 10.30-11.30 am.**  
*This is the first of a series of monthly meetings  
with community police officers.  
All welcome.*

## FUN DAY

**Monday 3 May 11.00-4.00 pm**

### Farrington Gurney Golf Club

Bouncy castle, super slides, coconut shy, basketball game, hoop-la, face painting, children's entertainer, disco and many other things to keep children amused. The club are promoting fitness for children with fun golf games and free golf lessons and a Zumba fitness display.

### Dates for your Diaries:

30 April	I NSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
12 May	PTA Meeting 7pm
14 May	Duck Race
7 June	I NSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
22 July	I NSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
23 July	I NSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED

### 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 (C4 only)
48	25/03/10	Recorder club - Class 3 & 4
49	19/04/10	Residential Trip Meeting date error (C4 only)
50	19/04/10	Staff absence (Chair of Governors)

## After School Music Club

James Watts will be running a after school music club on Tuesdays throughout the summer terms. They will be varied and informal, focussing on group interaction and the fun of play in music. We will make use of the many instruments the school has, as well as voice and movement. We will also explore different styles of music to gain an appreciation of all the many ways music can be expressed. The classes will run from 3.15-4.15 starting the week after next, 4<sup>th</sup> May, and run through until the 6<sup>th</sup> July (not including half term 2<sup>nd</sup> June).

The classes will be £5 each, making a total of £45. If you would like your child to participate in the class please return the slip\* with payment to the school office. The class is open to any child wishing to participate. I can arrange a reduced rate, if this makes it possible for your child to join the class, particularly where siblings attend.

James also has some spaces available for instrumental lessons (piano, guitar, recorder, flute, oboe, clarinet) and for music theory. For further information please contact me on 01225 833086 or [jamesoboe@googlemail.com](mailto:jamesoboe@googlemail.com).

*\*Please collect a copy of this letter from the office window.*

*Please return to the school office via class registers*

## WALKING BUS

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

I would be willing to use the Walking Bus for my child **YES/NO** (please delete)

I would be able to help man a Walking Bus on the following days:

MORNINGS  Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday

AFTERNOONS  Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday  Thursday  Friday

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Parent/Carer)