



**Wellow Weekly**  
**Newsletter 34: Thursday 1 July 2010**

Dear Parents,

There are so many exciting opportunities taking place in school at the moment. The term is racing away!! We have enjoyed working with artists from St Gregory's, we are enthusiastically practising songs and drama pieces for the end of year performance, and tomorrow children will be meeting their new classes and teachers. Today groups of children are at Prior Park for a Science Day and visiting their secondary schools. Also there are children preparing scones ready for the Sports Day next Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> July. Here's hoping that the weather holds until then. Do come along and support your children, chat with friends, eat lots of delicious scones and drink tea!! Thank you, Mrs Handel, for opening your kitchen to the children and to Mrs Rorison supporting the activity. Our children are so lucky.

A lady called Louise Brouard has been working with children over the last few terms, sharing her expertise and love of clay. She has volunteered to make models with the children and get them glazed and fired. You can see some of them in the foyer window. They are delightful. I am very grateful to Louise for her kind offer and I know the children have really appreciated the experience.

On Thursday evening (today) we are attending a presentation event at the Guildhall to celebrate the Inclusion Quality Mark which was renewed in December. Next Friday Classes 3 and 4 have been invited to spend the day at Writhlington School taking part in drama, art and music. It will be a super day and it will be free- all paid for by Writhlington. Lucky Key Stage 2!!

I was really sorry to hear that the Black and White Ball had to be postponed due to poor ticket sales. I do hope that you will all put the date in your diary for the **2<sup>nd</sup> October** so that we can show our support for the PTA, who work very hard - a small and dedicated team. They really deserve as much support as we can give them.

Their new "Swap Shop" is working really well. To date they have raised £30 by putting the books out each day. Well done. Please continue to bring in your books and swap items. 30p is a small amount to pay for a good read. If children see you reading they will be encouraged to read too. So by supporting the PTA you are not only raising funds but raising the achievement of your children!!

Next Tuesday afternoon at 3pm in St Julian's Church, the funeral of Harriet Moore will take place. I know Harriet was well known to many of you and you may well be attending the service. There are likely to be

between 300-400 mourners. As a result there will be many cars parked in the village and a police presence to support in directing the traffic. We would respectfully ask you to be helpful and park at a distance from the church, lift share or walk wherever possible. To aid the situation, I am proposing to extend the school day to 1530. We would ask you to collect the children at 1530 promptly and leave as quickly as possible to avoid further congestion. Thank you for your cooperation.

**School reports are due to be sent out on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July.** If you are aware of a partner who is likely to need a copy of the report, please ensure the office have their details.

Thank you

*Jane Gascoigne, Headteacher*



We are very late this year in ordering our **MUSIC tuition** for next September from the B&NES Music Service. Letters were sent out to parents of Y1-Y5 pupils on Tuesday. **We need replies by Friday at the latest!** The cost of lessons will be around

£75 per term, depending on final numbers. We are currently able to offer tuition in **piano, violin, guitar, recorder, flute and clarinet** and could offer other instruments if there is sufficient interest. Pupils supply their own instruments and if you would like to buy one, remember that the school can help you by saving on VAT. Approval schemes are also available from some suppliers to enable a trial run before committing to buying. See Sally Boswell for further information.



**If you would like your child to have lessons in school next year, please let us know BY FRIDAY 2 JULY. Existing music pupils also need to confirm their wish to continue.**

## **Black & White Ball**

*has been postponed to*

## **Saturday, 2 October**

*Get your tickets early to avoid disappointment! £12 to include food. Raffle tickets still on sale.*





## BIKES FOR SALE

2 MOUNTAIN RIDGE POWER CLIMBER BICYCLES 18 SPEED. Wheel size 24". One blue, one purple.

Need a bit of attention but only minimal.

Also

1 BLUE MOUNTAIN RIDGE SHOCK ZONE 6 SPEED BICYCLE. Wheel size 20".

Again needs a bit of attention but only minimal.

*Any offers welcome! If you're interested please speak to*

*Wendy in the school office.*



## PARENT SUPPORT ADVISER

**Karen Eyre**

Parent Support Advisers are here to offer support, helping to make sure parents & carers' needs are identified and met. We are a friendly face for

you to approach to discuss any concerns you might have. We can also help to ensure that parent voices are heard within the school.

Usually there are two PSAs in the Norton Radstock area but, currently, Ellie Nowell is on maternity leave. She will return in September.

### We can help with:

PSAs can offer information, support and some practical advice with almost any situation that a parent faces. We cover such a range of topics that it's hard to list them all but they include:

- Transitions between schools
- Challenging behaviour and additional needs
- Understanding the curriculum and how parents can get involved at home
- Attendance and tips on getting your child to school on time
- Information on external services and how to make use of these
- Information on and support with claiming benefits
- Building family relationships
- Helping parents keep up with their child's learning

### How can I get hold of the PSA for my child's school?

Mobile: 07530 263230

Online you can drop me an email: [karen\\_eyre@bathnes.gov.uk](mailto:karen_eyre@bathnes.gov.uk)

If you prefer, you can contact me through your child's teacher or head teacher.

Useful websites:-

[www.parentchannel.tv](http://www.parentchannel.tv)

[www.parentlineplus.org.uk](http://www.parentlineplus.org.uk)

[www.parenting.co.uk](http://www.parenting.co.uk)

## Swimming lessons at Fosseway School

Crash courses will be taking place during the summer holidays.

New courses of after school lessons will be starting 6th September.

The crash courses and after school lessons are also available for children starting school September 2010. After school lessons are term time only, all abilities.

For further information or to book classes please contact Fee Monk on 01275 331752

6 July	Funeral - school day extended to 1530
8 July	Sports Day 13.45 Village Hall Playing Field
9 July	Class 1 & 2 to the Egg Theatre - Droplets
13 July	Y5 visit Writhlington Secondary School
15 July	Whole School Production 1830
16 July	Classes 3 & 4 Writhlington African Day
21 July	<b>Leaver's Service 1330</b> <b>School closes for the summer 1430</b>
22 July	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
23 July	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED Term 6 ends
1 Sep	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED Term 1 begins
2 Sept	Children back to School for Term 1
2 Oct	Black & White Ball (PTA)
21 Oct	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED
22 Oct	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED Term 1 ends
1 Nov	Term 2 begins
17 Dec	Term 2 ends

## Summer holiday cycle training

*An exciting cycle training course for 8 to 11 year-olds!*

*The perfect holiday activity - £10 per place*

**Venue:** Widcombe Junior School

**Time:** 10am to midday or 1pm to 3pm

**27, 28, 29 July 2010**

**3, 4, 5 August 2010**

**10, 11, 12 August 2010**

**17, 18, 19 August 2010**

**24, 25, 26 August 2010**

The perfect solution for bored kids and stressed parents! Life Cycle is offering special courses that get children out of the house and onto their bikes. Courses run for two hours each day for three days.

Training begins off-road, away from traffic, but then moves onto local roads. Children learn how to control their bikes, how to anticipate other road users' behaviour, and how to carry out manoeuvres with skill and confidence. We work with small groups of children so everyone gets lots of attention.

At the end of the course the children get certificates and we provide feedback to parents on their child's progress. A place on the course costs just £10 for all three days. Please phone us to book a place.

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