

## **NEWSLETTER 20 8<sup>th</sup> February 2008**



### **From the Headteacher**

I am writing this newsletter looking out over the hills, with sunshine pouring through my window. We are so lucky to have such a lovely school in this beautiful environment. Perhaps at long last 'Spring has sprung'!

### **OFSTED**

It was a very busy few days leading up to OFSTED arriving, the staff all worked so hard and I would like to say a huge thank you to them. The children were also confident and articulate telling OFSTED all about our school and their learning. Can I also say thank you to all parents who returned one of the questionnaires, they are important, and the percentage returned for the size of the school was very high. The report will be available in two weeks and copies and a letter will be sent to parents and carers.

### **Star Work:**

Congratulations to **Harry Rowe, Curtis Day, Joe Reilly, Alice Meen, Lucy Pitman, Simone Young, Adam Coubrough, and Joe Pillinger** whose work is on display in the centre of the school.

### **Creative Learning Monday**

Monday will be an exciting if not messy day at school as we focus on creative learning across the curriculum. The children will be working with different children and adults under taking a wide range of exciting activities that have been carefully planned. Our theme for the day is 'water' and the staff have interpreted this in many ways. Poor Miss Bishop is disappearing under a pile of boxes and plastic bottles; I can't wait to find out why on Monday...

### **Healthy Schools Award**

We have now registered to start the process of becoming a healthier school. This is a national award that we will work towards together. We are just beginning to evaluate where we are and thinking about drawing up an action plan for the coming year. This will cover a wide range of aspects from healthy eating, lunch times, emotional well-being, exercise and activity, sleep etcetera. We are involving all of the staff, governors and children and would love to have some parents involved too. If you come to the occasional committee meeting and work with us to improve the health and environment of our school we would appreciate the help and ideas. Please pop in or telephone school. Thank you.

### **Scholarship Award**

Congratulations go to Josh Barton who has been offered a scholarship at Millfield Preparatory School starting in September. Josh is a fantastic Rugby player as well as training in Judo for many years.

### **Lunch Visitors**

It was lovely this week to welcome retired members of our village to share lunch with us and listen to the beautiful singing of our younger children. They were served by Year 5 who made us very proud of them, as they were polite, considerate and very efficient serving so many meals and drinks.

### **Interactive Whiteboards**

You may have seen an article in the local paper this week that CPM Group Ltd, from Mells have donated a cheque through the 'PTA' to buy an Interactive Whiteboard for one of our classrooms. We are extremely grateful and thrilled about this donation, as it will have an immediate impact for the children and their learning. The boards are very expensive to buy and this means another class has a board now and doesn't have to wait. The 'PTA' have worked extremely hard raising money and searching for grants to help us, if you know of any other companies we can approach who might help us please speak to a member of the PTA committee.

Have a lovely weekend,

### **Joy Mounter**

#### **Reminder:**

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children need to bring into school on Monday wellies, waterproof coat, and umbrella. All clearly marked with their name. We are hoping for rain to fit in with our 'water' theme day! Thank you.

**Hannah Curtis**

We would still welcome more materials for junk modelling work on Monday.

**Tess Kaunhoven**

#### **'Education Sunday':**

We will be celebrating '**EDUCATION SUNDAY**' at St. Aldhelm's Church on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February, **FAMILY SERVICE** 11am. Mrs Mounter and some of the children will be participating and a very warm welcome is extended to all.

There will be a '**COMMISSIONING SERVICE**' for Mrs Mounter on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 9.30am at the Church. This presents a wonderful opportunity to welcome her to the school and of showing your support for the role she will play in your child's future education, as headteacher of a Church of England School.

**Joy Lees**  
**(Foundation Governor)**

#### **From the Friends of St. Aldhelm's (PTA)**

**Cake Donations** – Thank you for your cake donations for the Potato Day this Saturday.

**Cake Market** – Year 1 and 5 will be hosting a cake market on **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. Feel free to bring along another item, e.g. plants, eggs and the like to sell on the market. Class representatives will help to organise and run the market. All funds raised will be split between the two classes.

**Glastonbury** – We have been invited to do stewarding again this year. There are a limited number of spaces, so if you are interested please see Dawn Meen who will be co-ordinating the event.

**Disco** – There will be a disco on **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> February** at 6.00pm in the Village Hall.

**Funds raised** – Thank you to all who purchased from the Yellow Moon catalogue. We raised £43.23 this Christmas. A whopping £255 was raised from your donations to the Bag2School scheme, a total of 850Kg.

The next PTA meeting will be held at the Waggon and Horses on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March**.

#### **Doultling Social Committee:**

**JUMBLE SALE – DOULTING HALL**

**SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

**2pm – 4pm**

Any jumble can be left from 10am

Any queries contact Rachel Manship 880 737













