

NEWSLETTER 23
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From the Headteacher

Just when I had hopes that spring might be around the corner, we are having snow flurries. We were most disappointed that we never got to build a snowman!

I hope the children have shared with you our focus and learning on 'Fairtrade' this week. This has included slides and tea making in Worship, following the journey of bananas and chocolate, fair-trade footballs in the playground and food tasting. We are very grateful to Mrs Newman who kindly sent for lots of information to help us plan our week.

Star Work

Congratulations to **Isabelle Harris, Toby Race, Tiegan Mathot, Sydney Lock, Giles Wood and Tom Dummer** whose work is on display in the centre of the school.



Book Fair

Our school book fair has been a great success thanks to all the hard work of Mrs Ford and parents and carers, grandparents, friends (the list is endless) who have bought a book so far. Many thanks. The book fair opens for the last time on Monday, so pop in and have a look.



Chess Club

I will be running a chess club after school on a Monday, 3.25 – 4.30pm in Year 2 classroo It is open to children who can already play chess or those who would like to learn. Initially there are 20 places, but we can increase this if we have a balance between those who can play and those who need more help. Mrs Marshall has kindly offered to help me. If your child is interested in coming please complete the reply slip below.

Disco Delight

We all had a fantastic time at the disco held by the PTA last Friday. The children looked so different and grown up in their own clothes. My only regret is that I never quite made it to the front of the face-painting queue, but I will be more determined next time! The children could buy sweets and chocolate that is normally available but also some new ideas tried for the first time. These included organic, unsweetened popcorn that smelt lovely and sweets with no additives and natural colourings. I would be grateful for any feedback from parents or carers about what you feel should be sold at these events.

Coffee and Chat

This terms 'Coffee and Chat' will be on Tuesday 1st April between 9 – 10.30am in the Annex. I plan to hold these on different days and alternate between daytime and evenings; in the hope that as many parents or carer's can come along if they wish. We have recently had OFSTED, soon to have our Church School Inspection and are looking to the future and making plans. Please pencil the date in your diary and try and come along it would be lovely to talk to you.

School Uniform

We are again collecting lost property quite quickly, if you think you are missing anything please check in the entrance hall. It is much easier for us if all items are clearly named, we

can then match them back to their owner. Some children are missing labelled jumpers, we would be very grateful if you could just check your child has the correct school uniform.

“Liberia torn by hatred, mended by love”

During Lent the charity Samaritan's Purse are collecting materials for schoolchildren in Liberia to help rebuild the country. Instead of 'giving up' something for Lent, they are encouraging us to give something 'to give a child a chance'. We have been given 36 empty tennis ball tubes that we are hoping to fill with stationery to send to Liberia. One tube will last a child a school year. We are collecting:-

Pens, pencils, coloured pencils, pencil sharpeners, rubbers, small scissors, crayons, tape, glue, glitter in fact anything you think a child would find useful and will fit into the tube! The children will pack the tubes in school and we need to return them to the charity by Friday 14th March, so we haven't got long. If you can help please send items to the school office. Many thanks.

Joy Mounter

International Meal

As you will already know from your children, Peru is our theme for this term. The Meal will be on **Wednesday 19th March 2008**. If your child would like this meal and does not normally have a school meal, please send in your order and **£1.80** in a named envelope with year group by **Monday 10th March 2008**.

Main Meal: Arroz Con Pollo (Rice with Chicken)
Peruvian Potato Salad
Sweetcorn

Alfajores (Vanilla and Lemon Biscuits)

Message from the Chairperson of the PTA

Thank you to all our helpers at last Friday's Disco. Approximately £200 pure profit will be banked into our fundraising account.

I would also like to thank Helen and Charlotte Wills for organising the evening at Sense, I know everyone who attended had a fantastic time and also raised funds for the PTA school fund.
Thank you – **Caroline Marshall**

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

We are delighted that **Michelle Warwick** has volunteered to be the **PTA Treasurer**.

PTA Meeting is next **Wednesday 12th March** at the **Waggon and Horses 8.00pm**.

Easter Garden Competition

To celebrate Easter we are holding an Easter Garden Competition for the children. All are welcome to participate and entries are to be given in on **Thursday 20th March before school starts**. Prizes will be handed out in assembly (which will be on Thursday 20th March, as Friday is a holiday).

Entries are to be: On a typical dinner plate (no bigger than 30cm diameter)

Have an Easter theme

Have your name clearly labelled on the top (not underneath the plate)

A table for each class will be put in the Annexe for the gardens to be displayed and judged.

“Invitation” voucher books

On Monday we will be sending out a book of vouchers called “Invitation” in the book bags. All funds raised will go towards the redevelopment of the pencil area outside Reception and Year 1.

Please read the enclosed letters carefully and decide if you would like to purchase this money saving book or return it to the school office.

Sense Evening

The pamper evening at Sense was a brilliant success and was certainly value for money with great goodie bags to take away. Have been asked if I will hold another evening. If you are interested please let me know (Helen) and will try to arrange another evening at the beginning of next term.

