

NEWSLETTER 24 14th March 2008



From the Headteacher

Dear Parents and carers,

I cannot believe it is almost Easter already; time seems to be flying by, or perhaps that is just age! On Thursday March 20th the whole school is going to church at 1.45pm for our Easter service. This is being planned and led by Years One and Two. It would be lovely if you could join us. The Easter weekend being outside of the holiday feels very strange this year. School ends on Thursday 20th March reopening on Wednesday 26th March.

The market stall last Friday was a huge success and very popular, raising £61.44 pounds for each class. Thank you very much if you made a donation or helped man the stall.

Star Work

Congratulations to our Star Workers of this week whose work is on display in the centre of the school. **Hannah Moore, James Rowe, Maria Walton, Jessica Walton, Ben Carroll, George Hughes and Charlie Knapp.**

Reminder

Please keep the parking bay at the front of the school clear at all times, also for safety no cars should pull in or park on the hatches by our rear gate. Many thanks; this really helps keep our children safer.

International lunch

On Wednesday 19th March we are having our international lunch from Peru; I just hope it isn't roast guinea-pig! The children plan and help prepare the food as well as carrying out research for our central display. Please come in and have a look.

Swimming Lessons

St Paul's Junior School in Shepton Mallet is providing swimming lessons after school for children over the age of 5. The lessons will be for a 10 week course at a cost of £30.00 for the entire course. Lessons last ½ hour with a qualified instructor. Further details and an application form are available from our school office.

Liberia Stationery Appeal

Thank you again for your generosity, Year 5 children have filled the 36 tubes we were sent. We have also managed to fill an extra box with stationary materials as well. The tubes are being collected from school early Monday morning.

Coats

Can you please ensure the children come to school with a coat. It is still cold and we are having a lot of drizzly weather, but where ever possible we like the children to be able to go outside and have some fresh air at playtime and lunchtime.

Joy Mounter

Gardening Club – POW (Plant our World) is starting next Wednesday after school and will now run on a weekly basis. It will start straight after school and finish at 4.30pm. Children will need a change of clothes. All are welcome – parents/carers included, but please can you let the office know on Monday, so I have an idea of numbers.

Helen Bishop

Book Fair

Thank you for all the support given to the Scholastic Book Fair this year. Almost £400 of books have gone into the classes using profits from the fair in this way. Well Done!

Dorothy Ford

DOULTING SOCIAL COMMITTEE presents EGGY SUNDAY on Sunday March 16th 2 – 4pm at Doultling Village Hall. Egg Related fun and games with prizes to be won, fun for all ages. £1.50 entry fee per child which includes all the games and activities. Refreshments available.

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

Cake Market Success! Through donations from Years 1 and 5 an amazing £122.88 was raised and divided equally between the two classes each receiving £61.44.

Easter Garden Competition – just a reminder that all entries are to be in the **Annexe by 9.00am on Thursday 20th**. Prizes of a chocolate egg for the winner of each class.

Invitation books handed out on Wednesday in your bookbags was the Invitation voucher books. If you would like to purchase this book please send your money straight to Invitation with the form inside the book. If you do not wish to purchase it please return your copy to the School Office by **2nd April**. It is important that these books are kept in good condition or the school/PTA will be responsible for cost.

**Friends of St. Aldhelm's Minutes of Meeting
Wednesday 12th March 2008**

<p>Discos - Next disco will be 9th May</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Menu – Concerns have been voiced (via Joy) regarding food colourings in the food/ drink supplied for the disco. This will be investigated. (visits to supermarkets/cash&carry/Holland and Barratt.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suggestion that children with specific dietary requirements need to be identified – either sticker or stamp to help volunteers on food stall. ○ Reminder that it is the parents' responsibility to limit their children's' dietary requirements and inform disco volunteers of any. Caroline put forward a set menu for each disco reintroducing hotdogs and more healthy snack. ● Rules and Regs - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Rules of behaviour for the children are the same as at school. ○ Children who persist in breaking these rules will be sent home and consideration will be given in inviting them to the next disco. ○ Volunteers for the next disco please let Helen or Caroline know. Thanks
<p>Update of PTA Accounts - Michelle Warwick was introduced as the new Treasurer.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It was agreed to donate £1200 to the school for another whiteboard.
<p>Redevelopment of Pencil Area/Whole school grounds</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A subcommittee is to be set up to discuss the school's playground development requirements.
<p>Summer Fete - 13th July.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Still looking for clubs to perform. Any stall ideas or volunteers please see Helen or Caroline. ● Second hand uniform stall suggested. Helen to investigate lost property at end of term.
<p>Uniform supply- Caroline had been contacted by a company that supplied school uniform. Investigate suppliers.</p>
<p>Cake Markets - The final 2 cake markets have been booked for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2nd May Year 6 and Year 2 – PTA reps to organise - Caroline Marshall and Wendy Coubrough / Zoe Salter and Sarah Hearl ● 13th June Year 3 and Year 4 – suggestion of Father's Day appropriate donations – PTA reps to organise - Rebecca Maidment and Michelle Dix / Dawn Meen
<p>Own clothes day - Helen to talk to Joy about a muffy/themed day for children mid May.</p>
<p>Other Fundraising Ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● sponsorship letters to local companies to help raise funds for the final 2 whiteboards. ● Body Shop or Pampered Chef event for next year. ● Helen is to arrange another (maybe 2) Sense evenings next term. ● Bag2School second visit – date to be confirmed. ● Family photography day. Caroline to investigate.
<p>Date of Next Meeting - Next meeting is to be held in the Annexe Friday 25th April 2.00pm.</p>