



Newsletter - September 2014

We are the Children of God



We learn to believe, and believe to achieve.

Message from the Head teacher

We have been back at school for only four weeks and everyone has settled well into school life. Class one children have started their full time education with enthusiasm and joy, it is pleasing to see the great progress they are already making.

Lots of exciting activities have been planned both in school and out of school and the head teachers in our partnership schools have been busy ensuring that extra-curricular activities have been planned throughout the year, bringing together the children from the six schools (Billesdon, Church Langton, Fleckney, Foxton, Great Glen and Hallaton). Events such as music concerts, More Able days in writing, maths and ICT, swimming galas, sporting tournaments, quizzes and trips have been planned for groups of children from each school.

Anita Timson

Diary Dates

October

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| Monday 6th | Harvest Festival at The Church 9.30am—ALL WELCOME |
| Tuesday 7th | PAFA Key Stage 1 Disco (classes 1 and 2) in the school hall 4.30-6.30pm |
| Tuesday 14th | Parents evening 3.45-7.00pm |
| Wednesday 15th | Parents evening 3.15-5.00pm |
| Wednesday 15th | Apple Festival for the whole school with Sustainable Billesdon Group |
| Thursday 16th | Achievement Assembly/Communion at The Church 9.30am—ALL WELCOME |
| Thursday 16th | Small School Choir Concert at Great Bowden Church 4pm |
| Mon 20th-Fri 24th | Half term |
| Monday 27th | School re-opens to pupils |

November

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| Monday 3rd | Anti-Bullying Week |
| Monday 10th | Life Education Van |
| Tuesday 11th | Life Education Van |
| Friday 14th | Children in Need Day |
| Friday 21st | Class 1 Open Morning for prospective new parents |
| Friday 21st | PAFA Key Stage 2 Cinema night (classes 3 and 4) in the school hall 6-7.30pm |

December

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| Saturday 6th | PAFA Christmas Craft Fair |
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Welcome to our school!

We would like to welcome the following children and their families to class 1; Emily Browning, Cameron Cormack, Alasdair Wheatley, Tomas Farley, George Bird, Barney Fenton, Charlotte Birch, Hetty Phillips, Jasper Peterson, Rhinnon Spink, Gracie Cross, Erin Holland, Farlan McBurnley-Jones.

To class 2 we welcome; Isaiah Baikeinuku

To class 4 we welcome back; Brent and Troy Halpin.

We hope that you will all be very happy in your time at Billesdon School. Please remember that we are here to help with any queries or concerns that you have.



Health and Safety Reminders



Please do not use the car park as a shortcut to the playground. Not only can this be a dangerous route, but it also sets a poor example to the children.

Please collect children from after school clubs from the front entrance (school office).

Reading Certificates

A letter was sent home at the beginning of term with the children of KS2. The school reading certificate award system has been changed to include reading choices not on the school reading lists. Each child has their own reading folder containing their progress sheet, reading list and challenge sheet. Reading books chosen from the school list are worth 5 points each and other reading choices are worth 2.5 points each. Certificates for each level of reading are awarded for 25 points worth of reading. There will also be the opportunity to select a stationery prize on completion of each reading level. Thank you for supporting all the children in their reading progress.



Mrs Willcocks

Phonics Presentation – 15 September 2014

The presentation on early reading and phonics was well attended by the parents of Classes 1 and 2. Mrs Willcocks showed how the Read Write Inc system is used within school and how best to support children as their reading ability develops. Mrs Le Gros was also available to provide input and answered questions at the end of the presentation. A selection of resources was also available for parents to view. The pure sounds power point is available on the school website for information and the ebook resources are available on www.oup.co.uk, from Oxford University Press. Mrs Willcocks

Eco-Club News

Last term we were awarded the School's Recycling Challenge award from Leicestershire Waste Partnership.

Well done to everyone who reduced the amount of packaging used for packed lunches and to the Eco-Club children for working hard to promote the reduction of waste. Can we please aim to continue to keep packaging at a minimum.



This year the eco club will be working on reducing energy to help the environment and cut school costs in electricity and water usage.

Apple Festival

On 15th October we will be holding an 'Apple Festival' in conjunction with Billesdon's Sustainable Group.

The children will be using the apple press and it is hoped that all children will have the opportunity to try a freshly squeezed apple juice drink!

We would be grateful for donations of eating apples which can be brought into school the week beginning 13th October.

Thank you!

Mrs Norton



Harvest Festival Reminder

Everybody is welcome to join us for our annual Harvest Festival on Monday 6th October which will be held at the Church and begin at 9.30am.

We are more than happy for you to contribute boxes of food for the children to take to the Church and take as offerings during the service. However, could you please ensure that your child is able to carry the box down to the Church.

The food will be distributed during the afternoon of Monday 6th October where I am sure that Rev'd Alison would welcome any extra help from



Great African Welly Walk

On Friday 26th September the whole school took part in a sponsored walk and cake sale to raise money 'To Give Hunger the Boot' in Africa. Miss McNeil organised the day and Keith Evans took the Collective Worship at the start of the day which told the children what the money would be spent on.

The children put their wellies on and completed at least 10 laps of the school field.

Thank you everybody for your generous donations of sponsorship and cakes!

Sponsorship money came to £394.50 and the cake sale raised £54.55, therefore the overall total was £449.05—with the possibility of more money to still come!

Choir News



Our school choir have been rehearsing hard for three events this half term.

Firstly they will be singing two songs at the Harvest Festival on Monday 6th October.

Secondly, they have been invited to sing at the Church Harvest Supper on Friday 10th October held at The Coplow Centre at 7pm.

Thirdly, on Thursday 16th October they will be taking part in the annual Small School's Choir Concert. This year it will take place at Great Bowden Church starting at 4pm. They will be singing two songs jointly with the other four schools and a song on their own. This year the theme is 'Happiness'.

Disco

Tickets are now on sale for the KS1 Disco on Tuesday 7th October in the school hall. The disco starts at 4.30 and ends at 6.30 and is for children in classes 1 and 2. If they have siblings who are of pre-school age, they are also welcome.

PAFA have organised the disco and would be grateful for any help you can give either setting up, clearing away or supervising.

Tickets are priced at £1.50 each and includes a drink and snack. Fancy dress is optional.



Golden Book Children for September 2014

Class 1; ALL OF CLASS 1! Jasper Peterson, Rhiannon Spink, Alasdair Wheatley, Barney Fenton.

Class 2; Isaiah Baikenuku, Jack Farley, Oscar Calow, Talia Welby, Edward Marsh, Roxy Laird, Edith Harrison, Rowan Wheatley.

Class 3; Devon Parker, Jack Landsdowne, Izzy Ardern, Arthur Williamson, Anthony Chapman, Harry Ambler, Tommy Richards, Lizzie Loxley

Class 4; Hannah Ardern, Laurie King, Jaylan Wildbore, Reece Wightman, Joe Saunders, Lydia Whatton, Ellie Malatesta, James Richards

Lunchtime Golden Book Children

Anthony, Lydia, Oscar, ALL OF CLASS 1! Autumn, Harry W, Jaylan, Talia

Kindness Cup

Dayton Hallgarth, Joseph and Isabel Birch, Reece Wightman, Anthony Chapman

Writers Cup

James Richards, Elliot Norwell, Romelly Laird, Ed North

Year Group Cup

Horse Chestnut, Birch (TWICE!), Oak



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