

East Brent Church of England First School Newsletter

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The Governors and I are very pleased to welcome Ms Nicola Hare as a permanent member of staff; she has been totally committed to the school since she came to us last January and I am sure that she will help to move the school forward.

Transport: This is the 3rd visit this term and on each trip we have been congratulated on the excellent behaviour of the children, also the really good questions they ask. The adults accompanying the children have also commented on their good manners and care for each other. Our visit to the Haynes Motor Museum was very successful and gave everyone an insight into many aspects of transport. There was so much to see that I would recommend a family visit at any time. Please look at the photos on the school web site www.eastbrentfirstschool.co.uk and see if there are any cars that have a link to your family ie your 1st car, or grandparents 1st car, or if you remember a friend having a Morris 1000; Triumph Herald etc. If you get your child to write down any information with a date it will help us to sequence some of the cars and to see how cars have evolved over time.

'Food and Farming' Topic: Thank you for completing the quick questionnaire at the end of the previous newsletter regarding our topic approach to the curriculum. Your positive comments reinforce our thoughts & interest in the topic approach. Please let us know if you have any further thoughts, comments, ideas or if you have anything that you can contribute to our topics. Please look at the photographs on the web site of our visits and get the children to talk through the photographs and see what they can remember.

Tick a Task: Please return the forms and money to school as soon as possible so that we can send it off to the Red Cross.

Reception Year: Mrs Bowkett will meet the parents of Reception children on Monday, 5th November at 3.20 pm in her classroom. We will provide a crèche for the children and siblings. The meeting will last about 20 minutes and is a chance to talk about class & school routines and for parents to meet each other.

Parental Consultation Meetings: There will be an opportunity for you to have a 1:1 conversation with your child's class teacher about his or her progress and targets. Please sign up on the classroom doors for an appointment; if these times are not convenient please see the class teacher to arrange a more suitable time.

Ladybirds: Mrs Bowkett's class Monday 19th November 1.15 pm - 6 pm

Poppies: Mrs Plummer's class Tuesday 20th November 1.15 pm - 6 pm

Hedgehogs: Ms Hare's class Thursday 22nd November 1.15 pm - 6 pm

Church Assembly: Wednesday, 7th November, 9 am in St. Mary's Church all parents are welcome to stay for this short assembly taken by Father Martin. At this assembly we will be presenting the new Reception children and other new children with their Bibles that they will use throughout their time at our school.

PTA Meeting: Thursday, 1st November (tomorrow) 7.30 pm in the school hall, everyone is welcome, please come along.

Bags to School: Please start saving your unwanted clothes, blankets, curtains, shoes, bags etc; we will be issuing plastic bags next week to fill and bring into school on Friday 7th December.

Parent Governor: Our new parent governor is Mr David Williams, parent of Jack Williams in Reception. Our thanks & congratulations go to him.

Head Lice: Please be vigilant in checking your child/children's hair. Head lice are a constant problem and the only way we can get rid of them is to comb, check and treat on a daily basis.

Pantomime: We will be taking the whole school to see 'Jack and the Beanstalk' at The Playhouse, Weston super Mare on the 17th December, this is an advance notice in case you were planning a family trip. Details to follow.

Photos: Please send your orders and money to the photographer, Mr Stan Dean as soon as possible. Thanks

Christmas Cards: If your child wishes to submit a design for a Christmas Card to be published by Plausible Publishing, please ensure that they copy is in the office, with the money by Wednesday 7th November.

Cross Country: There was a fantastic response to this event, well done to everyone who took part and the parents who supported this event despite the rain. Elloise was first in the Year 3 girls race and Jack S, was third in the Year 3 boys race. Well done for all the training that the children and Ms Hare put into this.

Library: Mrs Sarah Cole is looking for help with the library rota, if you are able to help for a short time on Tuesday afternoon please contact her or the office. All the children really benefit from taking a library book home.

Breakfast Club: is available every morning £2 per day from 7.50 am, there is no requirement to prior book or make a regular commitment, just turn up and use it as it suits you.

Reminder: All the reception children are now full time and have settled in school really well. We are striving to help them to grow in being independent, and so we would like all parents to leave their children in the playground at 8.50 am when the children are invited in, at the very least at the outside classroom gate. Mrs Holmes is there to help children with coats and bags. The cloakroom area is just about large enough for the children; it gets too congested with parents in there. If you need to see Mrs Bowkett please see her at the end of the day or leave a message with Mrs Holmes.

Parking: Please respect all our neighbours when parking in Church Road, and ensure that children do not walk on the private grassed areas.

Keyboard for Sale: Mrs Steady has an immaculate Casio CTK230 keyboard with full size keys in silver with an almost new carrying bag for sale at £50 complete. This would make an ideal Christmas present. Phone 01278 641396 and leave a message if you are interested.

Heather Hector (Mrs)
Headteacher

Dates: Thursday 1st November - PTA meeting at school 7.30 pm
Wednesday 7th November Church Assembly 9 am