

East Brent Church of England First School

Newsletter

Newsletter Number 11

Wednesday, 7th February 2007

The Governors and I are pleased to report that Ms Nicola Hare's contract has been extended until 31st August, she is working well with Koala's class and we value her contribution to the school. Mrs Kelly is making progress, we have sent her flowers and the children have made a beautiful card for her.

Open Afternoon: Monday, 12th February 3.15 - 4 pm your child/children will be able to show you their classroom and books. Key Stage 1 have had a fantastic time learning about Space & Earth and have some lovely models and work to share with you. The visit to Technquest was very successful, the children really enjoyed it, as did the adults who commented on the excellent behaviour of the children. Ms Hare is looking forward to meeting the parents of children in her class.

Parent Consultations: We will be holding individual parent consultations on the following dates:

Monday 19th March Mrs Plummer 2.00 - 7 pm

Wednesday 21st March Mrs Bowkett 2.30 - 7 pm

Thursday 22nd March Ms Hare 1.00 - 7 pm

We have extended the evening times for this round of consultations. I will put up the lists after the next newsletter.

Schools Admissions: The statutory consultation document has been published, if you would like a copy please ask Mrs Currie. The summary proposal is to include Criterion 6 in the over subscription criteria - 'children living outside the catchment area but nearest the school and registered in a linked school on the first day of the child's final academic year at the school. This is the criterion that we wanted added. I have asked for a copy of the over subscription criteria to be made available for all parents.

PTA: At the PTA meeting last week it was decided to hold an Easter Activity afternoon in school on the 30th March where parents and children can work together on activities culminating in an Easter Hat parade. More details to follow.

Self Defence: Mr Patrick Barber is willing to run a self defence classes for ladies. This will last for 2 hours and will take place in the school hall from 7 pm - 9 pm on Thursday 15th March. The cost will be £10 for the session. He is willing to run the class twice (2nd date - Wednesday, 21st March) if there is enough support with the proceeds going to the PTA. Please complete the slip below to register for a class.

Lost Property: Sometimes when children get changed for PE, clothes get muddled up and children wear home the wrong clothes. Please can you check your boys trousers, as we missing a pair of Marks and Spencer grey trousers which are labelled with the child's name.

Invitation books: This is a fund raising activity that saves you money and makes money for the school. If you use the vouchers you could repay the initial cost of the book, which is £19.99, and still save yourself money. If you are not interested please return the book to school in the envelope provided and there is no cost to you or the school. For every book that is purchased the school gets £4.

Severe Weather: in the light of the warnings that we have heard from the weather forecasters the following arrangements are in place. If County or the Police make the decision to close all schools then Orchard FM will be given that information. If it is a school decision then please ring the following numbers but not before 8.15 am, that will give the staff and I time to get to school and assess the situation.

If your child is in: Year 3/4 - please phone Mrs Bashford on 01278 760190
 Year 2 - please phone Mrs Pearman on 01278 782846
 Year 1 - please phone Mrs Dolcezza on 01278 769009
 Reception - please phone Mrs Lloyd Jones on 01278 760218

Car Park: A big thank you to all the parents using the Cemetery Car Park, it is much the safest & healthiest place to park. We have been asked to remind parents that the graveyard needs to be respected & also that the gravestones are not stable and children should not play around them or wander off the path.

School Profile: This is a statutory document that the school produces and is available at <http://schoolfinder.direct.gov.uk> There is also a paper copy in the office or it is on our school web site www.eastbrentfirstschool.co.uk We would welcome your comments on it.

Highbridge Festival of the Arts: week beginning March 5th. The school will be providing coaches for the large group activities on Monday 5th, Tuesday 6th & Wednesday 7th. These coaches will take the children to the competition but parents will need to collect or arrange collection from The Princess Centre, Burnham on Sea. Mrs Bowkett and Mrs Plummer will hold a meeting on Thursday, 15th February to go through all the arrangements with parents of children taking part in all the different classes at the Festival. The meeting will start at 3.20pm in Mrs Plummer's classroom, where she will talk about the arrangements for the individual & small group poetry entries and after that Mrs Bowkett will go through the arrangements for choral poetry and singing. If you cant make this meeting please see Mrs Plummer or Mrs Bowkett.

Head Lice: It has been reported that a few children have head lice at the moment. Could you please inspect your child's head. This can be done by brushing the hair while it is damp with a detection comb or a fine tooth comb over a piece of white paper. Any live lice in the hair should drop out and be easily visible on the paper. If you find live lice, the wet combing method of treatment should be used, this should be repeated every 2 or 3 days until no live lice are found. It is also very important to check the rest of the family and others who may have been in close contact with your child recently.

Scholastic Book Fair: The Book Fair will be in school on Wednesday, 28th February to Monday, 5th March. Parents may visit the Fair at 3.15 pm each day.

Heather Hector (Mrs.)

Dates for your diary:

Monday, 26 th February	School closed for inset training.
Wednesday, 28 th February	Collective Worship in St. Mary's Church at 9 am
28/2/07-5/3/07	Scholastic Book Fair
Wednesday, 8 th March	PTA meeting 8 pm in school

TO: EAST BRENT FIRST SCHOOL

RE: SELF DEFENCE CLASS

I would like to join the self defence class on Thursday, 15TH March /Wednesday 21ST March (please delete as appropriate.) I enclose payment of £10.

Signed: Parent of: