

East Brent Church of England First School

Newsletter

Newsletter Number 14

Wednesday, 28th March 2007

As we reach the end of a very busy term may I remind you of the Easter activities. Our Church celebration starts at 2 pm in St. Mary's Church on Thursday, 29th March this will include a selection of poems that were performed at the Highbridge Festival together with the choral poetry and choir entries. This will be followed by an Easter offering of hymns, a poem and prayers. Children will come back to school to collect bags and coats and if parents are there they will be able to take them home. If your child normally uses the bus or the Yew Trees Bus and you want to change the arrangements please let us know. We would be grateful if there are any parents to help bring the stage blocks back to school.



On Friday afternoon on 30th March the children will be doing Easter fun activities, if you would like to be part of this you are very welcome to join us at any time during the afternoon. The activities will start at 1.30 pm & will involve the children moving around the classes to complete 3 separate activities. They will then take part in an Easter Egg Hunt at 2.30 pm and finally an Easter Hat Parade at 3.00 pm, hopefully in the playground, (or in the hall if wet). Children will then leave at the normal time.

Netball Team: A team of Year 4's took part in a Netball Tournament at Hugh Sexey Middle School last week and won the tournament convincingly with 5 wins including 1 against the Hugh Sexey Year 5 team. Our defence was so strong that not one goal was scored against us. Our thanks go to Miss Claridge and Mrs Bowkett for training the team which included Murray, Luke, Callum, Ellen, Maisie, Maddy, Harrison, James & Tom.

Self Defence: Our grateful thanks go to Mr Patrick Barber for running this session which was really informative and good fun, he has donated the receipts of £50 to the PTA fund. If there is enough interest he is willing to run it again in the summer term. Please let me know if you are interested.

Chess Club: We have a group of enthusiastic children who have started playing chess at lunchtimes; is there anyone who could help them with some training? It does not need to be a regular commitment but the occasional lunchtime would be helpful.

Field: The fencing of the field is almost complete, the footpath through the playground will be fenced and double gates are to be installed. The fence against the field will have a hedge planted against it which will enhance the look of it but this will need to be planted in the autumn. Also 3 native trees will be planted on the bend of the fence in the field; these environmental features are to be paid for by County. The negotiations for this field space have been long and frustrating but now we are excited at having this very welcomed asset to our school and I know that the children and staff will make good use of it. The next PTA meeting on Thursday, April 26th at 8 pm in school, will be planning a form of celebration and launching of the field, please come along if you have any ideas or are willing to help in any way.

Comic Relief: £130.50 was made from the non uniform day and the cake stall organised and run by Hannah and Natalie. This money was split equally between Comic Relief and Promise to Africa. Thanks to everyone!

Literacy Week: All the children made, wrote and illustrated books last week. It was good to be able to devote an extended time to story writing. The children also enjoyed listening to Mrs Duckworth who is an excellent

story teller. We finished the week with our Bedtime Story day, and this fun day gave us the opportunity to read many of our favourite books and stories.

Monday Sports Club/Thursday Club: Miss Claridge will be away on holiday at the end of April so there will be no Monday Sports Club or Thursday Club until May, we will let you know when they will start again. We wish her a very happy holiday.

Wednesday PE Club: After Easter we will be opening up Wednesday PE Club to all years. We have 2 parents who have been trained to run multi skills sports activities and they will work with Miss Louise Evans who is our SASP PE coach. The cost will be £20 for the term, if your child/children are interested in joining this club please complete the slip below.

Start of the day: some children are coming into school before 8.50 am; please supervise your children in the playground if you arrive before the start of the school day.

Poppies and Ladybirds Class will be looking at London, past and present, in the summer term, if you have any books, artefacts or information that you could lend the school we would be very grateful.

Koalas Class will be completing their topic on the Romans with a visit to Caerleon Roman Legionary Museum on May 4th, details to follow. They will also be investigating The Mount of Frogs. Y3/4 challenge over Easter will be to find out what and where this is! Ms Hare would also love to talk to anyone who has connections with archaeology, geology or sculpture.

Wanted: If you have any brown or grey sheets or material that could be used for making costumes for our summer production Mrs Holmes would be very grateful.

Breakfast Club: will continue after Easter up until the end of the summer term. It can be used on a weekly or odd days basis, please see Mrs Holmes or Mrs Karen Wright for more details.

'Second's Best': Mrs Clare Beretvas runs 'Second's Best' a children second hand clothing shop at Yew Trees Nursery, Tarnock. She has a large selection of school uniform, for further details please telephone her on 07722532811.

Heather Hector

Dates for your diary:

Easter Celebration: Thursday, 29th March at 2pm in St. Mary's Church
Easter Activity Day: Friday, 30th March at 1.30 pm or Fancy Hat Parade at 3 pm
Summer Term begins: Monday, 16th April



TO: EAST BRENT FIRST SCHOOL
Wednesday PE Club for all year groups

I would like my child to take part in the above club and enclose payment of £20.00.

Signed: Date: