

# East Brent Church of England First School Newsletter

Newsletter Number 20

Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> July 2007

**Official Opening of the school field:** Many, many thanks to everyone who came and made this event such a fun evening. We were really lucky with the weather, it was good to see so many families there and to welcome our new families whose children will be starting with us in September. These events don't happen without a lot of hard work by a lot of people, too many to mention by name, but our thanks go to every single person who helped in any way. Special thanks must go to Mrs Liz Smith who led the organisation of the event. One balloon has already been returned from Holland!

**Results:** I am attaching a summary of the Key Stage 1 Teacher Assessments, we are pleased to share these assessments as they show that despite small cohorts we are continuing to maintain and improve the numbers of children achieving at, or above, the nationally expected level.

**Rats:** Our summer production will take place on Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> July starting at 6.30 pm. Children taking part in the production should arrive in school at 6 pm. We have involved all the children in this production, they have designed and painted the set; made the props; breakfast club made the masks; they have designed the programmes, posters and the tickets. We would like all families to feel that they have contributed to this performance and are welcome to come. Entrance is by ticket only & they will need to be collected from the school office. Tickets will be allocated 2 to each family, we will then compile a list of families who would like extra tickets and allocate them later. There will be a collection at the end of each performance to cover some of the costs and the remaining money will be given to the Promise to Africa appeal. Mr Gosling has agreed to produce a DVD of the performance, if you would prefer for your child not to be filmed please let me know. Copies of the DVD will be available from the office in the autumn term.

**Music Club:** Will not meet again this term.

**Thursday Club:** Will meet for the last time this term on 12<sup>th</sup> July.

**Sports Club:** Will meet for the last time this term on 16<sup>th</sup> July.

**PE Club:** Will meet for the last time this term on 18<sup>th</sup> July.

**Tennis Club:** Will meet for the last time on 19<sup>th</sup> July.

Many thanks to all the parents who have helped to support these clubs.

**Music Lessons:** Last Reminder! We are looking at the timetable for music lessons with Mrs Steady for the autumn. If your child would be interested in taking individual lessons for the keyboard, piano, recorder or guitar please complete the slip overleaf, or if your child would be interested in joining a group recorder lesson. The cost of the lessons are £9 for individual 20 minute lessons and £2 for group lessons. There is a half term commitment to these lessons.

**Library books/maths games:** Please ensure that all library books and maths games are returned to school so that they can be checked ready for September. Many thanks to all the parents who have helped the library rota this year, it is an invaluable help to the school.

**Reading:** I would like to thank all the parents who have helped in school with hearing children read; changing reading books and tables testing this year, your help is very much appreciated.

**Class Photos:** The proof class photos are on the school notice board in the playground, the cost is £8 if you would like to order a photograph please let Mrs Currie have the money by 12<sup>th</sup> July which is also the final date for ordering. The Year 4's will be receiving a leavers photograph, as a gift from the PTA, at the Leavers Service on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July.

**Nativity Play:** If anyone has a DVD of the nativity play Mrs Ferns would like to borrow it.

**St. Mary's Church Fete:** Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> July, All children have been invited to come and sing some of their songs from 'Rats' at 2.30 pm on the Village Green, in their costumes, please put this date in your diary. They will also be holding a 'Fancy Dress' competition at 3.30 pm.

**East Brent Harvest Home:** Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> August 2007 - this year it is the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the harvest home, please support this event if you can. We would like as many children as possible to help carry the banners from the Village Hall to the Harvest Home marquee during the luncheon. Please meet at the Village Hall at 1 pm. There will be a fancy dress competition, sports and tea for children and families. Please see posters for more information.

**PTA:** The next meeting of the PTA will be the AGM Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 7.30 pm in school. The PTA have some children's drinks left over and would like to sell them at the Sports Afternoon for 50p each.

**Parking:** Please park considerately in Church Road & Rectory Close, grassed areas are being damaged by inconsiderate parking and children walking on the grass.

**Mrs Kelly:** Mrs Kelly was given a bouquet of flowers and some M & S vouchers as a leaving present. She thanks everyone for their kind thoughts and donations.

H. Hector

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**Dates:**

17 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> July 2007	Summer Production - Rats
19 <sup>th</sup> July 2007	Sports Afternoon - 1.30 pm
21 <sup>st</sup> July 2007	St. Mary's Church Fete, Village Green
24 <sup>th</sup> July 2007	9.30 am Leavers Service
3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Inset Day
4 <sup>th</sup> September	School starts
20 <sup>th</sup> September	PTA AGM 7.30 pm in school

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TO: EAST BRENT FIRST SCHOOL  
**MUSIC LESSONS**

My child ..... is interested in learning the \_\_\_\_\_ with Mrs Steady.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_