

# East Brent Church of England First School

## Newsletter

Newsletter Number 5

Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> November 2006

Welcome back after the half term break, the weather was kind and we were able to enjoy the autumn colours.

We have welcomed Kieron and Luc Richards and their family to our school. You will all be pleased to know that Tom Colls has a new baby sister, Charlotte.

**Open Afternoon: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November 3.15-4 pm** This is an opportunity for your child to show you their classroom, work books and the targets they are working on, if this time is not convenient please arrange another time with the class teachers.

**Individual parent consultations** will take place as follows:

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November Mrs Plummer 1 pm - 6 pm

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November Mrs Kelly 1 pm - 6 pm or Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 1 pm - 5 pm

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November Mrs Bowkett 1 pm - 6 pm

Lists are now on the class doors for you to sign up. If these days are not convenient please arrange another time with the class teachers.

**Safety Zone:** Mrs Hector will be taking Years 2 & 3 to the Safety Zone in Weston-super-Mare on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November. It will be a morning visit and we will be back in school for lunch. Girls will need to wear trousers or track suit bottoms with their normal school uniform. The Safety Zone is a series of interactive presentations on keeping yourself safe aimed especially at this age group. There is no cost for this trip. Please complete the permission slip overleaf if your child is in Year 2 or 3.

**Bags to school:** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December: Please start sorting out and collecting old clothes, blankets, curtains, shoes etc, more details and bags will be sent home nearer the time and you will be asked to bring in the filled bags on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 3.15 pm; they are then collected by a company and they will pay us on the weight collected. It is a good excuse to get rid of some things before Christmas.

**Drug Awareness Leaflets:** If you were unable to attend the drug awareness meeting but would like a copy of the leaflets there are a few copies in the office.

**Dressing up clothes:** Mrs Bowkett is looking to enhance the role play area for her children. If you have any dressing up clothes that you could offer she would be very grateful.

**Breakfast-Art-Craft for Kids Club:** If you would like more details please see Mrs Holmes or Mrs Karen Wright. If you would like to use it on a casual basis please let them know.

**Quiz:** Please return all quiz answers and money to the office by the end of this week.

**Christmas Fayre:** Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 11 am - 1 pm: We will be holding a Christmas Colouring competition for children, the entry fee is anything chocolate!! We will be holding a chocolate tombola this year and the prizes will all be different kinds of chocolate goodies!

**PTA:** The next PTA meeting is on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 8pm in school**, we will be making the final arrangements for the Christmas Fayre so if you are able to help in any way please come along.

**Consultation on the new Code of Practice for Admissions:** Mr Tim Pollock the senior admissions manager for the LEA addressed a meeting at Lympsham First School on the implications of the new code. It seems at this point that nothing has been decided, but that the DfES are setting out directives that will impact on future admissions policies as set by Somerset. At the meeting he took away the thoughts of parents and will be reporting these back to the DfES through the consultation route. It was also made very clear to Tim how we want the linked schools system reinstated. He assured us that the LEA were committed to continuing with the Cheddar Valley three tier system. I will be following the consultation programmes very closely and will keep you informed at each stage.

Heather Hector



TO: EAST BRENT 1<sup>ST</sup> SCHOOL  
SAFETY ZONE VISIT - 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER 2006

I give permission for my child ..... to go on the Safety Zone visit.

Signed: ..... Date: .....