

News on the Nineteenth

Ponsbourne St Mary's Primary School

June 2009

Ofsted Inspection

As you are aware an Ofsted inspector visited the school on Monday and Tuesday of this week. He challenged us in many ways, as he should. The report will not be available for a couple of weeks yet but I am able to say that the inspection was very positive. Thanks to all of you who gave such supportive comments in your parent questionnaires.

LAST SWIM

The last day of swimming will be 13th July

Holiday Club

This year's holiday club is Show stoppers and will be held at Essendon School from Monday 20th July - Friday 24th July. Families from Ponsbourne are more than welcome to attend. The cost for each session is £1 or £4 if you are attending all 5 sessions.

Raincoats

Children in Foundation need to bring a raincoat EVERY day please.

SUMMER WEATHER

As the weather is getting warmer, children are encouraged to bring **WATER** to school in a non-spill bottle, labelled with their name. They will also need to have sun cream applied before school and we have white school caps available for purchase. If children suffer with hay fever please give them the appropriate medication before school.



DINNER MONEY

School meals should always be paid in advance. Changes have been made to the procedures in how we are required to deal with overdue payments. County insist we hand over 'debts' quickly for them to follow up. They may take legal action to recover costs. Children will be asked at this stage to change to packed lunches. If you have dinner money outstanding please make your payment as soon as possible, **NO LATER THAN 30th JUNE** - this will avoid the debt being handed over to County. If you need any more information please call into the school office.
Thank you.

Photo's

A whole School photo and class photos will be taken on 1st July. This will be available to view in the School Office.

Year 2 Parents - Furzefield.

From September current Year 2 children will be going to The Furzefield centre on Monday afternoon. Please come to a short information briefing on Wednesday 15th July 2009 at 3.20 pm in the Discoverers classroom.

BUDGE UP DAY

On Thursday 9th July Year 6 pupils will spend the day at their secondary schools. At Ponsbourne St. Mary's each child moves up to the next years for the morning and will spend this time with their new class and in some cases their new teacher. We also welcome into school on this day new pupils who will be joining us in September.

EXHIBITION EVENING

On Thursday 16th July the school will be open from 6pm to 7pm for children and parents to look around, see some activities in each class, chat to next year's teachers and enjoy the evening.

SPORTS DAY

We have planned sports day for the 24th June. In the morning KS1 and KS2 will take part in a rounders tournament. At 12 o'clock parents and families of all aged children are invited to a picnic on the field. (Children who normally have school meals will be provided with a packed lunch). At 1.30 pm. our traditional sport day afternoon begins. There will be a Nursery race for children who stay with their parents for the afternoon. If there is heavy rain our reserve sports day is 1st July.

TESCO VOUCHERS

Please send any vouchers in by
**Monday 22nd June
2008.**

Guitar lessons

This year we were lucky to secure funds which enabled us to provide free guitar lessons for a year to our **Year 3** children. If children from this Year group wish to continue to learn to play the guitar they can continue to take part in as group lesson for a small fee payable termly in advance. If you are interested please speak to Miss Bullen as soon as possible,.

We have managed to secure some funding for next years so our present **Year 2** children can also learn to play the guitar for a year. This will be subsidised by the school.

BREAKFAST CLUB

As the warmer weather is approaching the children who attend Breakfast Club will be playing out in the playground and on the climbing frame for a bit of exercise before school starts. The children who attend Breakfast Club are left in the care of Mrs Vicary and it is her responsibility to ensure all these children are safe. In order to do this she will section off one area in the playground until the bell rings.

Any child who does not attend Breakfast Club must be supervised by their parents separately.

If your child wishes to attend Breakfast Club just turn up on the day from 8am. The children are given breakfast and the cost is £2 and £1 for siblings.



Many Thanks

CRUCIAL CREW

Year 6 will be leaving school 12.15am on 29th June and arrive back at school normal time. This activity is led by the police and involves various workshops dealing with safety, such as Stranger Danger, First Aid, Internet Dangers, Respecting Backgrounds, Smoking and Drugs. Please bring in a packed lunch.

Newgate Street Produce Show

On Sunday 27th June, the village will be holding a Produce Show in the Village Hall at 3pm.

There are several categories for adults:

- Garden Section (veg/fruit/flowers)
- Cookery Section (preserves/baking)
- Craft Section (wooden item/flower arrangement/painting/tapestry/sculpture)

There is also a Children's Section:

- 5 years and under - a decorated flower pot/a picture of 'My House'/ a birthday card
- 8 years and under - A4 animal picture/a recycled item/handwriting of a poem
- 11 years and under - A4 Treasure Island map/Thank you card/ computerised advertising poster

**Entry forms are available in the school office
Please support this community event**

SUMMER CONCERT

On Monday 21st July at 6.30pm we will be having a concert on the stage in the playground.

Last year parents of Year 6 children organised a BBQ for after the concert. If you are interested in organising this please see Mrs. Gaiteri.

We aim to serve refreshments from the new classroom (as an unofficial opening).

Sports Day Cream Teas

Dear Parents

Hopefully you have received a letter from school explaining the schedule for Sports Day next Weds 24th June.

The FTS will be selling tea (and coffee) and cream teas will also be on sale. Any donations of scones - homemade would be brilliant - would be gratefully accepted. We also hope to have bottles of water and maybe some other cold drinks on sale, especially as the weather forecast predict a very hot day.

We are therefore asking for donations of scones to be brought to school on Wednesday morning

Thank you!

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LEAVERS' SERVICE

The service will begin in church 9.00am on Tuesday 21st July. Please join us to say goodbye to our Year 6's.

Year 5 Activity Afternoon Mount Grace.

Children will be collected from school on Thursday 25th June at 12.15pm. to attend an activity afternoon at Mount Grace. Transport to and from is provided by Mount Grace. Children will need their PE kit and a packed lunch. They will be back at school for normal collection.

Year 5 Performing Arts Day at St. Mary's

Parents should drop their children at St. Mary's at 9am. Children will need a packed lunch, PE kit and trainers. The afternoon aims to finish at 2.45pm and parents must collect from St. Mary's at this time.

Cycling Proficiency.

Year 5/6 pupils who have signed up for cycling proficiency training should bring their bike and helmet to school on Wednesday 1st July 2009. Children are responsible for putting their bikes away in the courtyard at the end of the day.

School Holiday Dates

School holiday dates are now available up to July 2011.

22 nd June 09	Governors Meeting
23 rd June 09	Y5/6 Science Activity Day Dame Alice Owen
23 rd June 09	St Mary's Performing Arts Year 5
24 th June	Sports Day
25 th June 09	Y5/6 school nurse - Puberty talk
25 th June 09	Y5 activity afternoon Mount Grace
27 th June 09	Produce show
29 th June 09	Y6 Crucial crew - PM.
29 th June 09	FTS meeting - Conservatory 2pm.
30 th June 09	Y2 Mill Green all day
30 th June 09	Church Inspection
1 st July	Reserve Sports Day
2 nd July 09	Express Yourself at University of Herts - SCIENCE
3 rd July 09	Y5 at St Mary's
6 th July 09	Parent Surgery PM
7 th July 09	Southend trip Y6
8 th July	County Art Trail Y6
9 th July	Barnardos Thank you assembly
9 th July	Budge up day
13 th July 09	Last swim
13 th July	New classroom handover - we hope. Might be 10 th .
15 th July 09	Meeting for parents re: Furze field
16 th July 09	Open evening
21st July 09	Finish school @ 1.15pm
2 nd September 09	Inset Day
rd September 09	Children back to school except Nursery and Reception
7 th September 09	Nursery and Reception children return
14 th September 09	Governors meeting
2 nd October 09	Home Grown Concert
23 rd October 09	Inspirational Leadership 'Contender Charlie'
26 - 30th October 09	Half Term
2nd November 09	Inset Day
9 th November 09	Governors meeting
10 th December 09	KS2 Production
14 th December 09	KS1 nativity
15 th December 09	Pantomime Aladdin
16 th December 09	Christmas lunch
18th December 09	Finish school @ 1.15pm
4th January 2010	Occasional Day
5th January 2010	Inset Day
6 th January 2010	Children return to school

15th - 19th February 2010	Half Term
29-30 th March	Gala concert Royal Albert Hall
1 st April 2010	Finish school at 1.15pm.
2nd - 16th April 2010	Easter holiday
19th April 2010	Inset Day
20 th April 2010	Children return to school
3rd May 2010	May Bank Holiday
31st May - 4th June 2010	Summer Half Term
7 th June	Children return to school
23rd July 2010	Finish school @ 1.15pm
1 st September 2010	Inset Day
2 nd September 2010	Children return to school
25 th - 29 th October 2010	Autumn half term.
17th December 2010	Finish school @ 1.15pm
20th December - 3rd January 2011	Christmas Holiday
21 st Feb - 25 th Feb 2011	Half term holiday
8th April	Finish school @ 1.15pm
11 - 25 th April 2009	Easter holiday
26 th April	Children return to school
2 nd May 2011	May Day Bank holiday
30th May - 3rd June 2011	Summer half term holiday

Please remember NOT to book holidays in TERM TIME. Absence due to holidays will not be authorised as there will be 12 weeks in which to enjoy holidays outside term time.

Thank you.

Would you like to advertise your business here?

(Or do you know someone who would?)

Perhaps other parents would be a good target audience for your business or special skills? Why not tell them all about it, and help the school raise some vital funds at the same time! News on the Nineteenth comes out every month (except August).

Rates:

Single entry	£5
3 entries	£12
Full year (11 entries)	£30