

News on the Nineteenth

Ponsbourne St Mary's Primary School

March 2011



EASTER SERVICE

Our end of term Easter Service will be in the church at 9am on Friday 8th April 2011. Please join us for this occasion.

END OF TERM

School term finishes at 1.15pm on Friday 8th April.

(The Easter party will follow – teachers are happy to take children over to village hall if they are attending)



Children return to school on Wednesday 27th April.

Breakfast Club

Children who attend Breakfast Club, on occasions, play outside under the supervision of Mrs. Vicary. Mrs. Vicary is responsible for the children and parents are asked to stand with their children behind the coned area. Parents with children in Foundation please wait for the bell to ring before walking your children to the classroom.

This is to ensure the safety of all children.

TESCO/SAINSBURYS VOUCHERS

Thank you to those who are sending the vouchers in already.

Boxes are located in the porch. All vouchers need to be counted so if you could get your child to count and practice their maths it would help us at the same time!



BONUS BALL

The winners of the Bonus Ball last half term were:

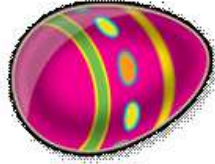
Michelle Wolstencroft
Joanna Hatch
Faye Collins
Nicola Robinson
Louis Harkos
Sophie Horncastle

Don't forget to get your number when we come back after Easter - you have to be in it to win it!

Many thanks to Joanna Hatch for organising this event.

NON UNIFORM DAY

Children may come into school in their own clothes on Friday 8th April if they donate an Easter Egg for the Easter party.



Mrs. McKenna is collecting ANY old bags, handbags, etc. All donations welcome any condition.

SATS WEEK

Children in Y6 will sit their SATs exams during the week commencing 9th May 2011. Please ensure your child is in school. Y2 children will be assessed also during May and June.

SCHOOL SHOES

In KS1 and KS2, black, sensible school shoes are part of our uniform. They are not optional. Boys may wear PLAIN black trainers (no ticks or logos in colour).



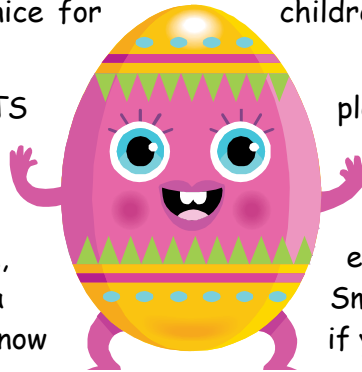
EASTER PARTY

The FTS are running an Easter Party on the last day of term which is Friday 8th April from 1.15pm - 3pm in the village hall.

As well as fundraising, it is also nice for children to spend time together socially outside of school.

If you would like to support your FTS Smith. **EASTER PARTY** please talk to Jo Hatch or Sandra

There will be a meeting at school on Monday (21st March) from 2pm. Please attend if you can, even if just to give some ideas. If you can't, please speak to either Sandra Smith (James and Daniel's mum) or Jo Hatch (Lauren's mum) to let them know if you are available to help.



Nursery children will need a parent to accompany them (who could also help out..!)

Tickets will be on sale soon - a letter will be sent home with details.

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

Science Week has been fantastic. The children said they really enjoyed it and the school was certainly buzzing - a hive of activity! We have many talented young scientists!

Highlights included:

- Foundation Stage's visit to Willows Farm, with glorious weather, a fantastic time was had by all.
- Tuesday's trip to Olympia to the Dr. Who exhibition was enjoyed by Year 1 - 6 and all the staff that accompanied them.
- All children visited the Planetarium that was in the village hall on Thursday 10th March 2011.

Thanks for supporting this weeks' activities.

MONDAY AFTERNOONS

KS2 will be going to the Furzefield Centre in Potters Bar to participate in Swimming, Shokk Gym and Dance.



If your child is unable to attend please send a note into school.

We have been asked to inform parents by the Furzefield Centre that spectating during school swimming sessions is not permitted. Their statement is 'parents are unfortunately unable to view swimming sessions due to the inability of the centre and school staff to monitor accessing the gallery'.

Thank you.

QUIZ NIGHT

Many thanks to everyone who came and those who helped out. In particular, great Quiz Mastering by Wayne and Sue Morris and lovely food from Linda Barrett and Debbie Jennings.

It proved a very successful and fun evening. Over 70 people attended and we raised around £680!

Thanks are also due to the following who all generously donated prizes: The Goffs Oak Pub

The Crown Pub

Hannah Couzens photographers

Ponsbourne Park restaurant

Marks & Spencer

Mr & Mrs Rustem

Karate

Following recent assessments the following children were awarded belts as listed:

Leah Manning - Red Belt

Grace Hedley - Red Belt

Olivia Morey - Red Belt

James Smith - Yellow Belt (with distinction)

Daniel Smith - Yellow Belt

Max Tomlinson - Yellow Belt

George Smith - Yellow Belt

Nathan Charles - Yellow Belt



Well done to you all.

A big THANK YOU

Thank you to all of our parent helpers who give their valuable time to help in school with reading, trips, gardening, odd jobs, lifts to events etc. We appreciate you very much. We are keen to recruit parent/grandparent readers at the moment if you can help out please let Michelle in the office know. Thank you.

Secondary Transfer

Our Year 6 children have now all been allocated their Secondary Schools with most children gaining their first choice schools.



eBay Sports Auctions

Thanks to Wayne Morris who set up our charity eBay account, we have been able to auction some sports-related items that have been generously donated by parents.

So far we have sold:

Signed Millwall Football - £25

Corporate seats for an Arsenal match - £150

Equestrian experience at Trent Park - £47.01

3 Aston Villa baseball caps @ £5 each (more available!)

Currently on auction are:

Signed Aston Villa shirt

Signed Aston Villa ball

CAN YOU HELP?

We need 4 sandbags, full or empty. If you can help please let Michelle in the office know.



Football, Cycling, Scooters and Play Equipment

If you are cycling or scooting to school, please dismount at the school entrance and wheel your bicycle/scooter to the parking pod.

Please note that football games are not to be played in the playground before school and children are under ***the supervision of parents*** if they choose to play on the climbing equipment, both before and after school. This is to ensure safety for all.

Easter Church Club

Easter Church Club will be held this year at Essendon School and will run from 18th - 21st April 2011 from 10am - 12 noon. There are some workshops organised for Good Friday. Please contact Rev. Pauline if you would like to know more.



P.E. LESSONS - KS1

Children in Explorers will have lessons outside if it is dry and some children get extremely cold in shorts!



