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NUTFIELD CHURCH (C OF E) PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Love never fails

1 Corinthians 13:8

Dear Parents and Carers,

PTFA Quiz night

A wonderful evening was had last Friday with the quiz raising an amazing £470. Mrs Makroum and I had a lovely time meeting with so many of you and are so grateful for your support of our PTFA fundraising efforts. I think the PTFA are doing a wonderful job and would love to encourage anyone who would like to get involved, to speak to any of our class representatives who will be able to introduce you to Nicky Worsley or Alison Horlock who are leading the PTFA this year. The team are doing a wonderful job and would love to welcome any of you in to the group. We have several events coming up and always welcome one off offers of help as well as welcoming those of you who would like to get more involved in the school by helping on a more regular basis. All of our parents and carers are automatically members of the PTFA.

Easter Service

We held our very special Easter Service on Tuesday this week. I'm sure you will all agree with me that the choir sang beautifully once again and the singing was wonderful. Year Four were fantastic in their retelling of the Easter service. Many thanks to all of those teachers and staff who contributed towards such a special service. Rev Alison and the team at Christchurch continue to help us make these events special and remind us that we belong to a big community of people who are all working towards helping our children in many ways. Thank you to all involved.

Maths Event

Congratulations to Ryan Warbrick, Oscar Hamzi, Archie Moore and Austin Barker who attended a recent Maths event at Hazelwood School. All the boys did very well but particular congratulations go to Oscar and Ryan who came an amazing 2nd out of 42 teams. I think you will agree with me that all the boys should be commended for doing so well. Thank you to Mr Warbrick who helped us by escorting the children to the event. We are very proud of them and are delighted to say that their behaviour was exemplary on the day. Thank you to Mrs Makroum our Maths leader for organising the event.

French Club for Foundation and Key Stage One

I am so pleased that Mrs Brooks one of our Governors has offered to run a Foundation and KS1 French Club. The aim of the club is to give children the opportunity to develop their basic French speaking skills. They will learn colours, numbers, simple phrases and even some French songs. In order for the club to run successfully we are looking for one or two parent volunteers. You will be involved in helping in the lesson, supporting the children in their learning and making sure they are safely handed over to their parents at the end of the day. The club will run each Thursday after school and will run from 3.15pm – 4pm every week. Please let the office know if you would be happy to help us in this way.

Outdoor Learning

As you know this year we have been developing our new Nutfield Curriculum. One part of this new Curriculum is 'Outdoor Learning'. Year 3 have been trailing new ways of learning by using the outdoors in all areas of their curriculum. Last week, Year 9 pupils from St Bede's joined them to make animal tunnels to identify what wildlife we have around our school grounds. They created the tunnels with the help of the pupils from St Bede's and placed food like nuts, fruit and even hot dogs to entice the animals through. They were fortunate enough to be loaned a special camera that took pictures of the wildlife as they wandered around the woods and sniffed the tunnels. They were so excited to find that they could see foxes, mice, rats, magpies and rabbits. They investigated their tunnels and matched the footprints to a guide sheet and could see lots of smaller animals like shrews and squirrels had been nibbling our food. One group even had the tray of food stolen by a cheeky squirrel! We are all looking forward to many more outdoor learning adventures during the summer! Miss Bath will be leading this Curriculum Area so if anyone would like to volunteer to help us manage our wildlife area by cutting back brambles from time to time or helping with leading a nature club we would love to hear from you.

INSET Day

Our first day back will be Tuesday 14th April as teachers have an INSET day on Monday 13th April. Our teachers are being trained as Level 1 Philosophy teachers. We will be introducing Philosophy for Children (P4C) in to our curriculum this year. Our aim is to create opportunities for the children to develop their thinking skills, be able to disagree with ideas and articulate their own thoughts and opinions and be able to 'dig deep' in their learning. We are very keen to make sure that all learners flourish at this school and believe that our new Curriculum will provide a really broad learning experience over your child's life at Nutfield.

Safeguarding

Thank you all so much for working well around the new procedures for the gate opening. From next term, the gates will be opened at 8.40am. Breakfast Club/Turtles please continue to come through the front door. Many thanks to you all who made this change so effortlessly. I do appreciate your support in my efforts to make the school safe for all the children.

Staffing

Breakfast Club/Turtles Next term we are welcoming Mrs Wilkinson who is joining us to work with Breakfast Club and Turtles. We are delighted to have her and hope that you will all get the chance to congratulate her on her new role.

Class Teachers We are very happy to announce that Mrs Roper has applied for and been successfully appointed as our newest permanent member of staff. She will continue to work in Year One for the rest of the year. I know you will be as happy as we are with the news. Do congratulate her on her new role.

Library

Thank you to Mrs Jarvis who had her first day in our library last Friday. We are so excited that our new library is really coming together now. We are looking for some more good quality hard backed information books. If you have any books that may be suitable please leave them at Reception for Miss Woods who is leading English at the moment.

Nutfield Village Road Races - Monday 6th April 2015

Are you a good runner? Do you like to run in races? Would you like the chance to win a trophy and a Crème Egg?

On Easter Monday, the Nutfield Village Road Races will take place in South Nutfield. There are four competitions in all – the junior race, the 5 mile adult handicapped race, the 3½ mile fun run and the 5 mile walk.

All children at Nutfield Church Primary School in years 3 to 6 can enter for the junior race. The junior race is about 800m long, the route starting at The Station Pub, going along The Copse, into Kingsmead and back along Morris Road to the Pub. It is fully marshalled and starts at 10.30am from outside the Station Pub. Please turn up 30 minutes before the race to register or fill out an entry form in advance for a cheaper entry fee and faster registration on the day.

Entry forms and full details of the event are available from Holborns Shop or online at http://www.nutfieldlink.co.uk/page_494489.asp.

Road Race day is a family event and there will be lots going on from 10 in the morning, including a barbeque in the garden, and the pub will be serving a usual Sunday menu. There will be a 'Bling Your Bike' competition at 12 noon, so decorate your bike and make sure it looks fantastic for a chance to win a prize, kindly donated by Keiron and Jeanette from the Station Pub.

They will also be raising money for the Motor Neurone Disease Association on the day, helping local resident Howard Fine, and his friend Andy Cook, who are cycling 1700 miles to the south of Spain in April to raise £10,000 for MNDA in support of their friend Dave Setters who is living with the disease. You can find details of the Cycling to Spain for MNDA fundraising project at <https://cycletospain.wordpress.com/>.

Looking forward to seeing lots of you there.

Bags 2 School

The Bags 2 School collection will be made on 27th April. Bags will be distributed a week before. Please fill the bags with good quality items, the details of which will be printed on the bag. Once the bags are collected they will be weighed and the school will be given some money for the total weight made.

Imogen Woods
Headteacher

Dates

We have added new dates to our newsletter including upcoming tournaments and Class Assemblies. Please add these to your diary.

DATE	EVENT
Friday 27 th March	Year 1 Class Assembly 9am
Friday 27 th March	Year 3 Cake Sale
Friday 27 th March	Break up for Easter – 3.15pm
Monday 13 th April	INSET DAY
Tuesday 14 th April	School Opens
Tuesday 21 st April	Parent Prayers at 9.15am
Thursday 23 rd April	Years 5 & 6 Girl's football – St Mary's 4pm
Friday 24 th April	Year 4 Cake Sale
Monday 27 th April	Bags 2 School collection day 9am
27 th April – 29 th April	Year 4 trip to Bealieu Countryside Trust
Monday 4 th May	SCHOOL CLOSED – BANK HOLIDAY
Thursday 7 th May	Years 3 & 4 rounders, St Stephens, 4pm
11 th May – 15 th May	SATS WEEK
Thursday 14 th May	Year 2 visit to British Wildlife Centre
Thursday 14 th May	Years 3 & 4 Tennis, Oxted School, 4pm
Tuesday 19 th May	French School Lunch
Friday 22 nd May	Year R - Miller's Ark Farm 10am – 2pm
Friday 22 nd May	Year 6 Cake Sale
25 th May – 29 th May	HALF TERM
Monday 1 st June	School Opens