

# Newsletter

**NEWBOTTLE AND CHARLTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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**School Website [www.newbottleandcharlton.ik.org](http://www.newbottleandcharlton.ik.org)**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after the term break. I hope the children had a restful break as the term leading up to Christmas is always busy and full of excitement.

## **Parents' Information Evening**

After trying to plan the information evening for both English and Maths, we realised that there is far too much to cover so we have decided to focus on Maths and do a separate evening on English after the Christmas break.

The format of the evening, which takes place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm, is as follows:

1. General introduction and overview (5 minutes)
2. Each Class teacher will explain how lessons are taught and structured; the key objectives for each year group, what an average child should know at the end of the year and how problem solving is taught and delivered. (40 minutes: 10 minutes per class)
3. A short break where parents can go to classrooms and see the Maths resources and schemes which are used. (10 minutes)
4. Each class teacher will explain how the 4 operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) are taught. They will go through the variety of language used as well as the different approaches. (40 minutes: 10 minutes per class)
5. Questions from parents (10 minutes)

In order for us to have an idea of how many parents to expect as drinks and biscuits etc will be provided, could you please indicate if you are planning to attend by completing the attached form. Thank you.

The information evening on English will take place on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January and another information evening on assessment will take place in the run up to the end of year assessments in the Summer Term.

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I will/will not be attending the Maths Information Evening for parents at 7pm on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Take One Picture**

As you will no doubt already know from the Curriculum letters sent home last term, the children are spending the next two weeks following a themed curriculum based on the painting “The Umbrellas” by Renoir. There are lots of exciting things taking place, starting with some French dancing during an assembly to launch the theme and a dance workshop for Class 4. The school has also had a specialist art teacher from Chenderit Secondary School working with each class to produce some art work based on the painting.

An exhibition of the children’s work will be put up during the week of 16<sup>th</sup> November for parents to come and view after assembly on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November. During that time, Classes 3 and 4 will be running a French café selling French pastries, crepes and drinks. The children will be charging £1 for a drink and a crepe or pastry.

### **PTFA – Donations and New Committee**

I would like to personally thank the PTFA for the recent monies raised and given to the school and the parents who have so generously donated, in this difficult financial time. In the first half of this term we have received £1,000 for necessary school sundries. This money has ensured the children all have the required books, pencils, pens etc for their learning. It has also enabled the school to purchase the much needed display and art resources which we were running short of. We have also received a donation towards resources needed for the Take One Picture project at the school over the next two weeks. In addition to this, the PTFA has given an initial £500 for the School Fund which is a separate fund operated by the school for trips, school uniform, music tuition and to reimburse staff when they purchase resources on behalf of the school (ie ingredients for cooking, specialist art supplies which are cheaper than in our catalogues etc – receipts are always produced and the account is audited by the county council). These monies have helped enormously and the school is grateful to you all.

There was a very positive turnout at the meeting on Tuesday evening with a great deal of support pledged for the Christmas Fair, which is sure to be a great success this year. The money raised from the Christmas Fair will be added to the School Fund.

The new committee is as follows: Chair: Mr Paul Bradford; Vice-Chair: Mrs Emma Bray; Secretary: Mrs Tiggy Atkinson; Treasurer: Mrs Alison Thorburn; PR/Communications: Mrs Kate Howells.

### **Christmas Fair – change of date**

The Christmas Fair will now take place on **Thursday 10th December** from 5.30-7pm here at the school.

### **Jam Jars Needed**

Jam jars filled with sweets or other types of goods are desperately needed for the event. If you have some jars and can fill them or even donate them for someone else to fill it would be very much appreciated. All jars can either be brought into school or passed on to Alison Heywood who has very kindly offered to organise this for the Fair. Thank you.

### **Christmas Concerts**

The Christmas will take place on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Reception and KS 1 will perform their Nativity play at 11am and KS 2 (Years 3-6) will have their concert in St James’s Church, Newbottle at 6.30pm.

### **District Carols**

Class 4 will be representing the school in the District Carol Concert at St Peter’s Church, Brackley on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 6pm.

### **Planning on Website**

Teachers’ long term plans are now available on the school’s website. Because of the mixed year classes we operate a rolling programme – Year A and Year B or Year A, B and C for Reception, Year 1 and 2. Year B is not yet completed for Reception and Year 1 and Year 2 as it is still being reviewed by the teachers. As soon as it is available it will be put on the website. We hope this will help inform parents who are keen to do work with their children before topics begin and before the curriculum information letters come out.

### **Operation Christmas Child**

Thank you to everyone who has donated a shoe box for the Operation Christmas Child. The boxes are not being collected until Tuesday, so if you would still like to donate, there is still time. Thank you.

### **Morrisons Lets Grow Vouchers**

Please forward any vouchers to the school office. Thank you for your support.

### **Poppies**

Poppies will be available in school from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009, please send in any donations with your child if you wish to support this worthy cause.

### **NOTICES**

#### **Child Enterprise Scheme**

The Hawkins children will be selling snacks (including fruit) in the Memorial Hall Play Park on Mondays and Wednesdays from 3.30 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. weather permitting, commencing on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

**Friday Cake Days.** Millie, Leah and Leonie will be making cakes for Friday lunchtime for four weeks starting Friday 6 November - this year offering cakes to all classes. Subscribe for all four weeks for just £1! Forms have been sent out to all children.

#### **FANCY FACES**

Hannah and Jessica (Class 4) will be face painting tonight at Bonfire night. You will have a choice of either a picture on your face or, if you prefer, on your hand. Please come along to FANCY Faces!

#### **Charlton Playgroup Charity Evening**

Join us for an evening of browsing and buying Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009 from 8.00 p.m. – 10.00 p.m. at Charlton Village Hall. An opportunity to buy your Christmas gifts! The Body Shop; Shiatsu Massage; Jamie Oliver Products; Martha & The Magpie Jewellery; Bags by Christine Fox; Lovely cakes by Linda Herring; Tupperware; Angela Ewence Beauty; Phoenix Trading products; Bev Bennett Shoes; Virgin Vie products and lots more! Tickets £4 each which also automatically gives you entrance into the raffle which will be drawn at 8.30 p.m. on the night. Please contact Nicky on 07825047689 or Stacey on 07594549955

#### **Dates for your Diary**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2009 – Bonfire and Fireworks at Charlton Playing Fields 6.00 p.m.**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2009 – Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes due in school**

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2009 - Maths Evening 7.00 p.m. in the school hall**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009 – District Carol Service for Class 4 at St Peters Church Brackley**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2009- Christmas Fair 5.30 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. in the School**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009 – KS1 Nativity 11.00 a.m. in the School Hall**

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009 – KS2 Concert 6.30 p.m. at St James Church Newbottle**

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2009 – School Closes at 12.00 noon**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009 – School reopens to pupils**