

# Newsletter

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

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Dear Parents/Carers,

## **Voluntary Donations**

As you are aware a request for a voluntary donation from parents towards classroom consumables was made at the end of last term. However, since starting back at school this term the situation with our budget has changed. This request is therefore being withdrawn and a letter detailing the reasons why accompanies your newsletter home today.

## **English and Maths Evening for Parents**

Parents are invited to attend an evening on how children in school are taught English and Maths and how they can be supported at home. This will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm in the school hall.

## **A Visit to Wamono School**

In an effort to build stronger links with our school in Kenya (Wamono Primary School), I have been invited to join a mission to the Diocese of Bungoma in Kenya. This will involve working with Wamono School to help improve techniques in teaching and learning. It will also be an opportunity to develop a more meaningful relationship between our children and the children of Wamono. One of the curriculum programmes of study in Geography is to look at a contrasting location. On our current curriculum map the children study a deprived area in India. However, after this visit we hope to change this to our link area in Bungoma so that the unit has more meaning and therefore a greater impact on the children of both communities.

This will mean I will be away from 16<sup>th</sup> October to the 31<sup>st</sup> – which means a one week absence from school. This has been unanimously approved by the governing body and is funded entirely at my own cost. There will be no cost to the school as the classes I teach will be covered by an HLTA.

## **Mufti Day**

We will be having a Mufti Day at school on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October. For a £1 donation the children can come to school dressed in an outfit centred round the theme of Harvest (ie as a farmer, or a vegetable etc). All donations will be given to Wamono School.

## **Harvest**

A reminder that the children's Harvest Production will take place in school on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 2.45pm. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend. Any spare change which you could spare at the end of the production will be greatly appreciated and given to Wamono School.

The Harvest service – which is a church service in St James's Church Newbottle – will take place on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 11am. Parents are more than welcome to join us.

## **School Garden**

We are continually harvesting Spinach and Runner Beans from the School garden and we are selling this produce at 20p per bag on a first come first served basis. Cabbages are also available at 20p each. Please see Mrs Fox in Class 1. Thank you.

## **Governors - Resignations and New Appointments**

Mrs Deborah Hagger who has been a governor at the school for almost 20 years (the last six as chair) is resigning her position this year. Her final meeting will be at the AGM on Tuesday night. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Hagger on behalf of the staff and the governors for all the hard work she has put into the school over the years. Her experience and wealth of knowledge as a school governor will leave a large gap on our governing body. As a volunteer, Mrs Hagger has shown nothing but total commitment to the school and its pupils. Her dedication, loyalty and genuine affection for this school and its children are commendable. She has also been a wonderful support to me over the past two years. We wish her all the very best.

Given the resignations of two of the school's Foundation Governors, **Mr Steve Thorburn** has been appointed by the Diocese to fill one of these vacancies. Mr Thorburn has two young children in school: one in Year 3 and one in Reception and has been the vice-chair of the PTFA for the past two years. I would like to welcome Mr Thorburn to the governing body and we all look forward to working with him over the coming years.

## **PTFA AGM**

PTFA AGM, Thursday 15 October 2009

Newbottle and Charlton School, 8pm

Please join us to review the past year's achievements, and look at and get involved with plans for the year ahead. Elections will be held. Please contact any member of the current executive committee to express an interest.

## **Jewellery in School**

For health and safety reasons children are not supposed to wear jewellery in school. We understand that many do have their ears pierced and therefore do wear earrings. This is fine as long as they are studs and not hoops or dangling. However, these earrings **must** be removed for all PE lessons – again for reasons of health and safety. If your child is not capable of removing the earrings themselves would you please help us by ensuring they do not come to school in the morning of PE days wearing them. Thank you.

## **Clubs**

A form for Drama and French Clubs went out on Wednesday to be completed by Monday. So far we do not have enough interest to run either club. So if you are still interested, please make sure your form is completed and returned on Monday.

Miss Jackson and Mrs Marsella-Brookes will be running a Games Club this year. The date for this will be confirmed next week.

Hotshots Basketball for KS2 starts next Thursday after school. All 31 places have been allocated.

## **Parents' Evenings**

Just a reminder that parents' evenings have been scheduled for:

Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	3.40 – 6pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	5.00-7.30pm

Kind regards

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