



NEWS FROM MRS ETHELSTONS

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NEWSLETTER No. 11 – SUMMER TERM

Friday 16th July 2010

Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Children

Last Friday, we held our surprise leaving party for Jane Thomas. The children made gifts and sang for her and I presented her with a photograph of the moon over Lyme Regis by Joy White, a magnolia tree for her to remember us every Spring, and some money for her to treat herself in her new found spare time! Thank you so much to everyone for all their donations and help to make this such a joyous and memorable day. I would particularly like to thank the PTFA for all their hard work with the catering, and Felicity Langford for her flowers and decorating talents. It was a really special way to say farewell to Jane and she really enjoyed it.

Tea on the Terrace was a great success yesterday. The children loved making and selling their own items and Sycamore class did an excellent job providing a wide range of games. The PTFA provided cream teas and other refreshments that were sold out by the end of the afternoon. The total raised will be put on the message board on our website early next week.

Today, we held our final celebration worship in Church. I presented Carole Hodges with a bouquet of flowers for all her efforts with the uniform shop. A letter will go out early next week with details of where school uniform can be obtained from September.

On Tuesday, the last tag rugby club of this year took place. This was the last session for our fantastic coach David Collett who begins teacher training in September. I would like to thank him for all his hard work with the club and every success with his new career! Good luck David! Malcolm Greenslade will continue to run the tag rugby club next term but could really do with help from another adult. Please contact me or Malcolm if you could help with this.

Today, you will be receiving your child's annual report. They are very thorough, but if you would like to discuss any aspect of the report, please contact the class teacher. Due to Mrs Minty's absence, the reports for Beech class will not be going out until next week. Mrs Ratcliff and I are writing the reports for these children.

Next week we have the Leavers Service on Wednesday 21st July at 1.45 pm for our annual awards ceremony. All parents are welcome to attend. The week concludes with a special leaver's service in Church for our Year 6 children on Friday 23rd July at 9.15 am. Parents of Year 6 children are encouraged to join us.

Thank you to all those parents who returned the questionnaire. It was a copy of the form used by Ofsted before an inspection. The responses were very positive and we have taken note of any areas we feel could be improved. This is a quote of one of the many positive comments "The school provides a rich and exciting experience for our children. We are very lucky that our children attend a school that has such dedicated and hard working staff. We can't thank the teachers and Mrs Rice enough." Thank you!

Finally, could I wish you a happy and relaxing summer break. We return to school on Monday 6th September.

Andrea Rice
Headteacher

FRIENDS OF MRS ETHELSTON'S SCHOOL (PTFA)

will be holding the end of term **BBQ** and **Disco** tonight: **FRIDAY 16TH OF JULY AT 6.30PM.**

We would be very grateful for donations of salads, and for helpers at the event. Thanks to all those who expressed their enthusiasm!

All very welcome. Look forward to seeing you.

SCHOOL MEALS

PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL PAYMENTS FOR SCHOOL MEALS NEXT WEEK ARE PAID BY MONDAY 19TH JULY AT THE LATEST.

AUTUMN TERM 2010

New menus and envelopes will be coming home with your child before the end of term.

Parents are reminded that you child (ren) must keep to the same meal pattern throughout the whole of the Autumn Term and not change from week to week (exception is Christmas Lunch at The Village Hall – date to be confirmed). **Please advise the school office of any changes from the Summer term by Monday 6th September.**

If you prefer to pay half termly, keeping to the same days for the whole term ahead, then please send in full payment. This works out at (35 days) x £2.00 = **£70.00** per child for the period **MONDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 2010 to FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER 2010 inclusive.**

MILK MONEY

Milk is available at break time. This works out at 35 days x 20p = **£7.00**. Please remember to pay milk money **separate** to school lunch money, direct to Mrs Cozens on the first day back in school. (If no payment received, no milk will be given at breaktime.)

PTFA NEWS

The PTFA are looking forward to a fun evening at the BBQ tonight.

If you are ordering iron-on or stitch-on name tags please order them through Dana and the school will receive a percentage of the sale.

Please contact Dana on 07709 524437 or email dana.haydon@hotmail.com for anyone that has missed an order over the summer holidays.

Thank you for all your support.

Many thanks.

Dana Haydon-Sycamore

BBQ Friday 16th July

Please support the PTFA, Family BBQ on Friday at 6pm in the Village Hall.

Axminster Out of School Club

Summer Club

Opening hours

Open From Thursday 22nd July 2010
Last day Friday 20th August 2010

Please telephone to confirm
Opening times and costs.
And to request a booking form by 14th July

Some of the fun activities on offer will be:

- ❖ Crafty arts day - Lots of crafts, please bring in your new ideas.
- ❖ Messy day - Gloopy play, making bread, pasta and rice play.
- ❖ Mayhem day - soft play, obstacle course, ball games.
- ❖ PJ day - Come to club in your pyjamas and bring your favourite teddy for a teddy bears picnic.
- ❖ Visit to pets at home for their activity sessions.

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Uplyme
Gospel
Choir

Taster Day
7.30pm
Wed 21st July
Uplyme Church

UPLYME CHURCH are starting an all-age gospel choir. It is open to anyone and everyone - no experience necessary! We already have several children and parents coming along. If you think you might be interested, why not come along to our taster evening at 7.30pm on **WEDNESDAY 21ST JULY** in Uplyme Church.

It's gonna be fun!

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