



# NEWS FROM MRS ETHELSTONS

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Don't forget to check regularly any forthcoming events/latest news/messages on our website

Dear Parents, Carers, Friends and Children

## Breakfast in a Bap

Huge thanks this week to all the parents involved in Breakfast in a Bap which raised over a £1000 last Saturday. I know that I really enjoyed my cooked breakfast in a roll and the hall was busy with people all morning. I also know what a huge organisational feat running this type of event is, and we are all very grateful to have such a thriving PTFA. Many thanks to all concerned!

## 2012!

This week we have been celebrating the Olympic spirit with a visit from triple jumper Larry Achike who posed for photographs with the children and chatted to them about what it meant to be an Olympian sportsman. He was inspirational about the hard work that he needed to do to achieve his goal and his jump was amazing! (We had to open the doors as he jumped beyond the length of the village hall!) Sponsorship money needs to be in school by next **FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY** and the incentives for raising money are:

**£10:** Super schools drinks bottle

**£25:** Gymsack

**£40:** Rucksack

**£60:** Bottle/Gymsack and Rucksack

Children who submit a sponsorship form with money will also be given a photograph. Those who do not raise any sponsorship money can pay **50p** to collect their photo.

These will be handed out after half term.

A big thank you to Miss Lowe for organising this! Providing these opportunities for the children requires a lot of organisation behind the scenes and our thanks to all the parents that helped on Thursday morning.

## International Cross of Nails School Award

We also enjoyed a lovely church service today with Gemma, Emma and Felicitas from Coventry Cathedral to celebrate our Cross of Nails School award. Our thanks must go to Mrs Hulbert for organising this and she is looking forward to seeing those of you who are attending the service at Exeter Cathedral tomorrow – there is still time if you would like to attend, please see Mrs Hulbert after school today. The arrangements are to meet outside the cathedral at 2-45pm tomorrow (**SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**) - children need to be in full school uniform.

## Football Match

Unfortunately the match with Burton Bradstock was cancelled on Wednesday at very late notice, our apologies to parents who turned up to transport children. We have since received an apology from the Headteacher at Burton Bradstock who has promised better organisation for the re-scheduled match. We will advise every one of the new dates for this and the Greenford match when we have them.

## Year 1 Parachute Festival

Miss Singleton reports that the children enjoyed this event at Axe Valley Sport Centre. Thanks to the parents for transporting the children and staying to help.

## Next Week:

- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February, football match against Beaminster Primary School.
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February Parental Consultations 4pm to 8 pm. **Appointment slips with times will be sent home with the children today.**
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February, Science morning for Herons with Dr Usher from Colyton Grammar.
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February, Cross Country at Stockland Primary School.
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February, Tag Rugby match at Marshwood Primary School.

### **FORTHCOMING EVENTS:**

- Week commencing **MONDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2012** - Half Term.
- Pancake Races in the playground on **TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY** (the first Tuesday after half term). From **9-15am**. Parents Races included!
- **WORLD BOOK DAY** on **THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH** – children are welcome to dress up as their favourite book character for the day. Several storytellers will be in school to help us celebrate this annual national event.

**Mrs Mary-Anne Crafter,  
Head of Teaching and Learning**

### **PTFA NEWS**

**THANK YOU SO MUCH TO GILL MELLOR AND THE ' DADS IN THE KITCHEN', AND TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED AND VOLUNTEERED THEIR TIME LAST SATURDAY.**

**BREAKFAST IN A BAP WAS GREAT FUN AND A HUGE SUCCESS AND RAISED **£1052.19****

**ALSO THANK YOU TO ALL THE LOCAL BUSINESSES THAT HAVE DONATED RAFFLE PRIZES AND PRODUCE.**

**ABSOLUTELY FANTASTIC! THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT.**

**WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT MRS HULBERT WON THE 50/50 CLUB THIS MONTH.**

### **A Circle of Tales by **PUPPETCRAFT THEATRE****

[www.puppetcraft.co.uk](http://www.puppetcraft.co.uk)

#### **4PM SATURDAY 4TH FEBRUARY at Uplyme Village Hall**

It all started so long ago that it is impossible to remember when. One day a woman, called Mazandaba, set out to search for stories, asking friendly and fierce animals if they could help, but none knew any stories, or even WHAT stories were. A myth from Africa retold by Gcina Mhlophe with African and English language, wood and wire puppets. This is a puppet show for the whole family, perfect for everyone from 4 years old. With video projection and the sweet, sweet sounds of live music played on traditional instruments by a wonderful African musician.

A music workshop will take place before the show.

**TICKETS: £5 CHILD/CONC £6 ADULT £19 FAMILY (2+2) available from **Uplyme PO** or **01297 445050****

#### **MUSIC WORKSHOP**

**2.45 – 3.30pm**

**£2.50 per child.**

Suitable for children aged 6 and above with parent/carer (no charge for parent/helper)

