

# NEWSLETTER

**23rd April 2010**

## **Parent Survey**

It is time (again!) for the annual Parent Survey about our school and the education and care we provide. This year, we have appointed NFER to carry out the survey for us. The survey is to be completed on line. A separate letter is being sent home tonight with details about how to access the survey. We are aware that some parents do not have access to the internet. Any parent who is unable to access the survey can contact school and facilities can be made available.

The outcomes of the survey will be in school by the end of the summer term and will include a detailed statistical analysis of your opinions. The outcomes will be shared with parents and used to inform our school improvement planning for 2010-11 onwards. In order for the results to be as useful as possible, it is very important for us that as many of you as possible complete the survey.

The survey will take a maximum of 10 minutes to complete and is open until 14<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

I would like to thank you in anticipation of your support with this.

## **PTA Table Sale**

The school PTA is holding a Table-top Sale at the Thomas Risley Church tomorrow (Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April), starting at 12 noon. As well as items for sale, there will also be face & T-shirt painting, a 'Children's Corner' and a school uniform sale. We hope that you will be able to support the event.

## **Clarinet Lessons**

We have the opportunity to offer clarinet lessons to a small group of our children. Lessons will take place on a Monday between 3.20 and 4pm and will be provided by a qualified and checked instructor who is known to school. Instruments will also be provided. The cost of the tuition is subsidised, but there is a small charge of £2 per session for those involved. The opportunity is available to children in KS2 and no previous experience of playing the clarinet or any other instrument is required. Children would need to commit to the sessions until the end of the summer term. Unfortunately, due to the funding arrangements, it will not be possible to refund monies for any missed sessions. We have one pupil who has already

committed to the lessons (she approached me about the sessions) and need another two for the sessions to go ahead. If there is more interest, we will look into providing additional sessions. If you are interested, please inform the school office.

## **Reception visit to Thomas Risley Church**

On Thursday, children from Class 1 visited the Treats Cafe at the Thomas Risley Church in preparation for their own 'Minibeast Cafe' which they will be hosting soon. The children thoroughly enjoyed their visit and the members of the church commented on how pleasant and well mannered the children were. Thanks go to the Thomas Risley Church for supporting this. Class 2 will be visiting the cafe next week. Reception children have decided to invite members of the church to their Minibeast Cafe as a way of saying thank you.

## **Dance Workshops**

One of our areas for further development this year has been dance. As part of this, workshops will be taking place involving all classes over the next two Fridays (30<sup>th</sup> April and 7<sup>th</sup> May).

## **Celebration Assemblies**

Unfortunately, due to the Dance Workshops, we have had to cancel Celebration Assembly for the next two weeks. They will restart on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May for Key Stage 2 and 21<sup>st</sup> May for Foundation Stage/Key Stage 1.

## **Children's Corner**

This week's work, printed overleaf, is 'Ancient Egypt' by Laura Mort in Mrs. Robinson's Y6 class.

### **Happy Birthday**

The following children have had birthdays in the past week;

Marley Quansah	~ 9
Joshua Haslam	~ 6
Owen Kelly	~ 6
Samuel Taylor	~ 5
Aiden Voos	~ 5

Happy Birthday to them all!

Menu w/b 26<sup>th</sup> April

WEEK 3

