

BOURN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER



January 2012

From the Head Teacher

Happy New Year. I hope you all enjoyed a really wonderful holiday.

Everyone here at Bourn Primary is looking forward to the term ahead. We have lots of exciting things planned - including the Science Week, which will begin on 12th March. The aim of the week is to promote Science as an exciting and relevant discipline, used by all of us in everyday life as well as by those in more specialised careers. The children will carry out some creative and fun experiments and investigations. They will have the opportunity to listen and talk to people who use Science in their work. There will be an inter-school Science challenge, in which our top scientists will participate, at Monkfield Park School in Cambourne. If you know of anybody who works in the field of Science, we would love to invite them in to give a talk or demonstration of what they do, to illustrate how the subject helps them. Please contact Sarah Wheatman (our Science Coordinator) via the School Office.

It is very important that all visitors to the School report to the Office before entering the building. This also includes children who arrive after the morning or lunch time bell. If you are collecting your child during the day, even if we have been previously informed, please ensure you come to the Office. This is to ensure that we know at all times the identity of everyone in our building: something which helps us to safeguard your children.

A letter informing you of the after-school clubs taking place this term is also being sent out today. Please make sure that the form is returned to the Office by Wednesday 11th January. Confirmation that your child has been given a place will be sent out on Friday 13th January and all clubs will commence in the week beginning 16th January.

This term we are running two indoor games clubs during the lunch break. We are a little short of board games and would be very grateful for any donations, providing they are in good condition.

We would also like to develop our collection of comics. I understand that some children have a weekly comic, so a box has been placed in the entrance lobby for any comics that you might be prepared to donate to the School during the term.

Can I please remind you that, to keep pupils with nut allergies safe at school, we operate a nut free policy. This means that any product containing nuts should not be included in lunch boxes or provided as a break time snack. Children should also not bring nuts they have found on the ground or on trees into school. Thank you for your vigilance: we must all do what we can to keep our children safe.

Our new website will hopefully be up and running at the beginning of next week and will be further developed during the term. Please do not forget to check the website if you think the School may be closed due to poor weather conditions. This applies both first thing in the morning and throughout the school day. Please do not 'phone as all lines will be needed to contact parents who live furthest away.

The BSA is holding its annual quiz event on Saturday 4th February. Please do not forget to buy your tickets, at the cost of £5.00 from Sharon Peer, Chair of the BSA, via the School Office. It does not matter if you do not belong to a team, as the organisers are very good at placing people together. I say this, having been a member of the winning team myself, albeit a few years ago!

Parents' consultation evenings are planned for after half term. Each appointment will be 15 minutes long and a letter inviting you to specify the day and time that you would like to speak to your child's class teacher will be sent home at the beginning of February.

Finally, if you ever have any concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher or me, via Katie in the School Office. Children's education is the result of a partnership between school and parents, and if we work together there is no limit to what we can achieve.

Christine Page

Head Teacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

COMMUNITY ASSEMBLIES

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| 13 th January | Maple |
| 20 th January | Willow |
| 27 th January | Rosewood |
| 3 rd February | Hazel |
| 10 th February | KS2 topic |
| 24 th February | Cherry |
| 2 nd March | Music |
| 9 th March | Acorn |
| 16 th March | Science |
| 23 rd March | Cedar |
| 30 th March | Easter |

EVENTS

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| 13 th January | Charity Games afternoon |
| 4 th February | Quiz night |
| 21 st February | Parents' Evening |
| 1 st March | Parents' Evening |
| 5 th March | O2 choir trip |
| 12 th - 16 th March | Science week |
| 29 th March | Easter Activity morning |

TERM DATES

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| <i>Spring Term 2012</i> | |
| Half-term | 13 th - 17 th February 2012 |
| Spring term closes | 30 th March 2012 |
| <i>Summer Term 2012</i> | |
| Training day (school closed) | 16 th April 2012 |
| Summer term starts | 17 th April 2012 |
| May Day (school closed) | 7 th May 2012 |
| Training day (school closed) | 1 st June 2012 |
| Half-term | 4 th - 8 th June 2012 |
| Diamond Jubilee | 5 th June 2012 |
| Summer term closes | 20 th July 2012 |
| Training day (school closed) | 23 rd July 2012 |