



New Christ Church Primary School

Newsletter 17th June, 2010

This week at NCC...

Thank you so much for all your kind words of support and encouragement following last week's announcement that I will be leaving NCC in December—I really do appreciate your good wishes and support!

It's been a hectic week for us all. Today was originally going to be our Sports Day. I have been called to a Head Teacher's conference tomorrow—given the current state of affairs with regards to changes in funding, I really need to attend this conference, but I also don't want to miss what will be my last Sports Day here, so we have re-scheduled. I am sorry for any inconvenience, but I hope you will forgive me on this occasion and understand that I haven't yet discovered how to be in 2 places at one time!

Mrs Howarth and I attended a meeting yesterday where we found out more about becoming a 'Rights Respecting School'. Next year NCC will be working with UNICEF to develop our school using the Rights of the Child as a key resource and encouraging children to learn about their rights and responsibilities. More details will be available soon!

Mrs Dunn has started her visits to families who will be joining us in September. Making contact in this way is an important part in welcoming new families to NCC and we know the programme younger children settle into school life quickly and easily.

Next week we celebrate 'Who Do You Think You Are' week, an opportunity for us all to share our family, cultural, and religious backgrounds and celebrate our strong, united NCC family. Please do offer any time you have to share your stories with staff and children, we'd love to hear from you!

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful weekend,

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Congratulations

to...

Joel—who has been awarded a Gold Athletics certificate. Well done!

Family Service

This Sunday at 10am
 @ Christ Church—
 everyone welcome!

Attendance Garden Party

Over 50 of our children were invited to the Garden Party last night, in recognition of their **excellent** attendance. I'm incredibly proud of every one of them. However, I understand many of you felt that there were problems with organisation and felt that your child wasn't able to get the most from the party. We will be organising a school based party for them all and will let you know when we've finalised details.

Uniform

We are proud of our school uniform, believe that wearing uniform engenders a real sense of pride in children and appreciate the excellent support that most of you give. Thank you.

Please remember that **trainers are not part of our school uniform** and should not be worn to school except in exceptional circumstances. Thank you.

Green Class Trip

On Tuesday 15th June, we went to St Nicholas' Primary School in a village called Porton near Salisbury. We went because we wanted to learn about what life is like in a rural area and how this is different to living in a town. While we were there, we interviewed the children from Swallows class who told us about their school. We found out that there are similarities and differences between their school and our school. We had lots of fun - we played in the park and we explored their playground. Have a look at the photos on the website to see for yourself!

by Brian and Mebin

Green Class Parents...

Thank you for your patience and understanding when we were returning from our trip—the traffic on the motorway was very busy and it took longer than planned for us to get back. We're sorry if any of you were inconvenienced.

Mrs Cross

Summer Fun Night—30th June

Can you help with running a stall, or setting up/tidying away? If you can, please let Mrs Howarth or Mr Greasley know.

It would be great to see as many children and families at the Fun Night as possible, showing support for the school—please come along and be part of the fun!

School Dinners and Other Ideas...

At a recent 'Coffee with Maria' session, a parent suggested we somehow develop a voucher system for school dinners, where parents could pre-pay for dinners and then use the vouchers as and when wanted. I'd be interested to hear your thoughts about this idea. How it would work we're not sure yet, but if parents generally like the idea, then we will think it through more carefully.

Your comments about the school photos have been very interesting and useful—thank you!

Please keep your comments, ideas and suggestions coming; we genuinely find these useful and helpful!

Please use this space to make any suggestions about improvements we can make to NCC. No need to write your name, unless you want to. Return to the school office, or post into the White Post Box next to the front door. Thank you!