

Feniton Church of England Primary School Newsletter

'Serving God in our School Community'



Quote of Month

"When anyone tells me I can't do anything, I'm just not listening anymore."

Florence Griffith Joyner



Diamond Jubilee Celebrations Tuesday 22nd May

To celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, we are inviting all the children to dress up in red, white and blue for the day. To commemorate this special occasion, the children will be involved in a range of fun activities linked to the theme and will have the opportunity to work with children from other classes and be taught by different teachers. A special 'Jubilee Lunch' is also being arranged by the kitchen.



Basic Skills Quality Mark

Feniton Primary School has been awarded the Basic Skills Quality Mark

for the second time in succession. The Quality Mark for Basic Skills is a national award that celebrates and supports continuous improvement in

literacy and numeracy and is valid for three years. A school must demonstrate a whole school approach to improving standards in literacy and numeracy with evidence of the impact of its approaches. A big well done to all of us!!!

Eight Class Structure

The letter saying that Feniton Church of England Primary School will be continuing the eight class system next academic year went out last week. The parents of children in next year's Yr 3/4 & Yr1 will be informed of their child's class teacher with the end of year reports in July.

EYFS Transition to Year 1

To help the Reception children prepare for their move up to Year 1, we would like to request that the children are brought to the main playground at 8.50am. They will be met by their teachers who will line them up and lead them into class at 8.55am, when the bell is rung. Parents are welcome to wait on the bottom path by the kitchen until their child has been led in. This routine will start on June 11th, after the half term break.

Start of Day

A general reminder to all parents that the children are encouraged to say goodbye to their parents before walking onto the playground at 8.50am. It really helps if parents and younger siblings can wait off the playground. This enables staff members to keep track of the movements of the children and avoids accidents with younger siblings being knocked over. Many thanks for your co-operation.

Adventure Playground



The adventure equipment has now been installed!!!

Before it can be used the final levelling of the base needs to be done and the safety surfacing installed. Nearly there, it will soon be ready for use!



Sponsored Assault Course

The final amount is now in a truly amazing £2221. If by any chance there is still any sponsorship money at home, please do bring it in. The short fall is down to £274; hopefully we will be getting some money from an advertising feature in Pulmans Weekly and the remainder from a Mufti Day.

Mufti Non Uniform Day Friday 29th June

There will be a non-uniform day to help raise the final amount for the adventure playground. Suggested minimum donation 50p, but if everyone donated a £1 the fund raising for this project would then be finished.

**Sponsored Charity Abseil
Saturday 16th June**
*Are you up for the challenge-
abseiling 50ft down Feniton
Church?*



Four of the children who have signed up for the challenge! There are 40 people already signed up!

The application forms are now coming in steadily and some time slots are nearly full. Get your



application in as soon as possible.

ANYONE over 8 years old can apply for the abseil which is to raise funds for the Melanesian

Mission and local charities, including our school.

There will also be a special teddy bear death slide / zip wire for all who have an adventurous teddy. Just bring your teddy along on the day.

Road Safety

As always, please



avoid parking in the immediate vicinity of the school. This will help to reduce congestion at the beginning and end of the day. With the better weather on its way, we would encourage everyone living in Feniton to walk to and from school and leave the car at home whenever

possible. Please do not park on the zig zag markings or allow children to exit the car into the road. Always get out on the pavement side.

Good Bye and Thank You



For 2 years Mrs Penny Prismall has been outside school come rain, snow and occasionally sun - and has been there to ensure that you and the children cross the road safely. We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to her for fulfilling this role.

Road Crossing Patrol Needed

An advert was published last week for a new Road Crossing Patrol Officer. However, we have had no applications to fill the post - so please be aware that there will be no one to watch the children across the road.

Do you know of anyone who would like to take on this job? Or could you do it? It could be 5 people doing one day each. The job is paid and training and a uniform are provided.

Slapton Year 5 Tree Sculpture installed.



The tree sculpture made by Class 5 children at March's residential to Slapton has been installed on the front wall. The children worked with professional artist Taja, pictured, to produce this amazing clay sculpture. We hope you enjoy the artwork. Come and have a closer look and enjoy a brilliant reminder of our successful trip.

First week back after Half Term

School Photographer

CHEESE!



Photographs for classes and teams will be taken on Friday 15th June Remember smart uniform and brushed hair!

**Bishop Bob Retiring
Wednesday 13th June**



10am: There will be an extra special Act of Worship, followed by a tea party to which all

parents, friends and family are invited. Bishop Bob will be coming to say goodbye to us. He has been a great supporter of our school and retires in October and we're very lucky to get a date in his busy diary to come to us. All welcome.

Arts Week Open Afternoon / Art Exhibition



Our theme this year is 'The Olympics' and we have a variety of activities organised, including a visit from

a local artist to create a school mosaic. On Friday 15th June all parents and friends of the school are invited to attend an 'Open Afternoon' and join us in celebrating all the children's wonderful work which will be on display, linked to our developing creative curriculum. The exhibition will open at 3pm. There will be no Friday Service on this day.

Singing Playgrounds



In addition to the activities planned for Arts Week, the children will have a session with the Devon Music Advisor. These sessions have been arranged by Mrs Totten and are funded by Wider Opportunities Government funding. The aim is to promote playground songs, chants and games for both boys and girls.

Norman Palmer School Principal Visit



Between the 10 and 28th June Bernard Qunaifia will be visiting our school. It will be another chance to learn more about our partner school and the lives of people in the Solomon Islands.

School Development Plan Questionnaires

Thank you to those people who have already taken the time and trouble to complete the questionnaire. The more replies means a better picture can be built of parental views.

Please return by Friday 25th May. Also, remember there are 2 prizes!!

Parent Workshop: Reading for Enjoyment, Tuesday 8th May

Thank you to the parents who attended this workshop led by Devon Schools Library Service. We hope you found it useful and enjoyed browsing the fantastic selection of books.

SAT's Well Done...

To all the children in Year 6 who have recently taken these tests. The children certainly tried to keep one of our mottos: Always try your best. Your child's attainment and progress will be published in their end of year report.

Your Child's Next Steps

Your child's NEXT STEPS have been set for this term - please see the class teacher if you would like to discuss these. A full end of year report detailing your child's progress will be sent home at the start of July and there will be a formal

opportunity to meet with the class teacher in the week beginning 9th July.

Clubs

2nd Half Summer Term 2012

After School Clubs

Monday 3.30 -4pm Samba Drums*

Tuesday 3.30-4.30pm

Feniton Reporters

Thursday 3.30-4.30pm

Football - Yrs 1/2 *

* Charges apply

Lunchtime Clubs

Mon - Recorders Yrs 5/ 6

Tues -Gardening Yrs 1/2

Wed - Recorders Yrs 3/4

French Yr 2

Thurs - Singing - KS 2

Fri - Craft - Yr 6

Sports - Yrs 5/6



Railway Crossing

Please can you make sure your child understands that they must not cross the railway crossing until both barriers are fully up.

Saint George's Day Monday, 23rd April 2012



Children and adults dressed in uniform and we all enjoyed celebrating St George's day at Feniton.

PTA

Please keep collecting clothes, shoes etc for the next blue bag collection in October. You can collect in any bag - it does not have to be blue!! Bags will be available before the collection date.

After School

At the end of school there is often a rush to get out!! The older children have been reminded not

to run along the paths, especially outside the staff room and EYFS classroom as some younger children have been knocked over.

School Dinners Revised dates for Parent Meals:

Year 5 - Wed 23rd May



Year 3/4B - Tue 26th June

Year 3/4C - Wed 11th July

Letters will go out shortly so that you can book your meal.

Inter-house Competition



April's challenge was 'Hurdling' and Exe won the Gold Medal, Axe the silver with Clyst getting the Bronze.

May's challenge is racket skills.

Hippo Calf Run



Sunday 6th May saw a group of 12 enthusiastic children lining up for a 1.75mile cross country race. They had all made the effort to enter. Feniton had some fantastic results:

- **First Primary School team**
- Jonny L - 1st U11 Boy
- Tom J - 2nd U13 Boy
- Edward G - 1st U8 Boy

It meant that Feniton School regained the school Cup from Stockland - well done to every runner.

Attendance

Following the Educational Welfare Officer's recent visit she was very impressed with most of our attendance. Just a couple of reminders:

- Holiday forms **MUST** be completed and approved before the holiday
- The head teacher can only sign any holiday request if the child's attendance is over 93% (If under 93% he will need to discuss the request with you)
- If arriving after 9am you must sign in your child/ren at the office.

Dogs

Please remember the **ONLY** dogs or animals allowed on site are guide dogs for the blind or disabled or for a pre-arranged visit to a class, when a risk assessment has been completed.

Shoes

When buying shoes for school please remember they should be flat, black shoes. In the summer some wish to wear sandals. We recommend closed-toe sandals to avoid injuries when playing.

Vouchers

Please collect and send in the last of your Tesco and Sainsbury vouchers by the end of June.

Wanted

Newspapers for art and craft. Please make sure they are suitable for all children.

NO egg boxes or fabric, thank you.

Dates This Term - May

Tue 22nd Diamond Jubilee

22-25th Years 3-4 Escot Residential

Fri 25th School closes for Half Term

Half Term 28th May - 8th June

June

Sunday 10th 9.30am Melanesian Service Ottery, Bernard Qunaifia arrives in UK

Mon 11th School re-opens for pupils

Tue 12th PTA Meeting @7.30pm

Wed 13th Bishop Bob's Farewell to Feniton School 10am, all welcome

Fri 15th Class Photographs

Prayer Group

Sat 16th Sponsored Abseil, Feniton Church

WB 18th Year 6 Bicton

Tue 19th Yr2 Trip, Offwell Woods

Mon 25th Bernard's Last Day

July

Fri 6th Environmental Day and show

Mon 9th Full Governing Body Meeting

Fri 13th Prayer Group

Mon 16th Sports Day, afternoon

Tue 17th Reserve Sports Day, afternoon

Fri 20th Summer Music Festival

Mon 23rd Leavers' Celebration and Tea

Tue 24th Leavers Service and Last Day of Term / Year

Next Year

Tuesday 4 Sept - Non-Pupil Day

Wednesday 5 Sept - Autumn Term

2012 begins for pupils

Sat 6th October Fund Saver Work Day

Only a week to go to our half term but as always it is an action packed one with Year 6 athletics at Kings School, Year 5 parents' lunch, the Diamond Jubilee and the Escot Residential for Years 3 / 4. It would be nice to see the sun for the last week of this half term and hopefully next half term!!

Colin Butler.

Headteacher

Jokes

Why did the orange stop rolling down the hill?

A: Because it ran out of juice!

By Alex Yr2