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**Newsletter ~ Spring 2010 (04)**

Dear Parent/Carer,

This is a short but nevertheless important newsletter this week to inform you of some changes and dates for the term. It is hard to believe that there are only 2 weeks left for this half term but at least it means we can hopefully look forward to some better weather soon.

**PTA**

Thank you to all who attended the PTA meeting last week. It was fantastic to meet so many of you and decide on some positive ways forward to raise some money for the children. It is certainly not too late to come to meetings and there will be opportunities to help with events which I know will be gratefully received by the committee. So far the following dates have been arranged so please make sure they are in your diary!

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February** ~ Whole school **Disco**. 3.30- 5.00pm. The children can come in non uniform for the day and there will be a cost of £1.00 for the disco and 50p for refreshments which will consist of a drink and a cake. Please make sure that the money is in a clearly marked envelope/purse and given to the class teacher. Thank you.

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March** ~ A **Quiz Night** in the school hall which will be open from 7.30pm for an 8pm start. There is a maximum of 6 per team with an entry fee of £2.50 per person. You can bring your own refreshments and nibbles to keep you going and there will be prizes and a raffle. Do tell as many people as you can to come along as the more that come the better it is. It will not be at a mastermind level so everyone can have a go!

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April** ~ Refreshments and a sale in the school hall after the End of Term Church Service as well as competitions for the children.

Please remember that these events are for entertainment but also for raising money for YOUR children so please come along and join in.

**Praise Assemblies**

As you are already aware we have our praise assemblies on Friday afternoons to celebrate all the good work that has been achieved. I think it would be a good idea now to invite parents to this assembly as I'm sure you would like to see the children rewarded and join in with our celebrations. This will start straight after half term on **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 3pm.**



### **Parent drop in sessions**

I have now been introduced to the school's PFSA (parent and family support advisor) who is Lizan Martin. I am aware some of you may know Lizan and can vouch for the good support and advice she can give to parents. We thought it would be a good idea to see if any of the parents here wanted a drop in session when they could talk about concerns, issues about their children or simply wanted a chat. This is no reflection on your parenting but simply an opportunity to talk to a professional for advice. After all being a parent is the most difficult job for anybody and there's no preparation for it in terms of training. The first session will be on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February** at 3pm in the staff room. I'm told there will be refreshments as well!

### **Parking**

I understand that parking is difficult in the mornings before school but it is imperative that the site is safe for all the children. Please do not park on the slope up to school as it then becomes extremely dangerous for all pedestrians. If you do live in the village I do hope you walk as not only is it healthy but it reduces your petrol costs as well!

### **Choir**

Mrs Kirby has kindly offered to do a lunchtime club for Choir. I know that we have many children here who can sing beautifully and I hope you encourage your child to take part in this activity. We need to practise for the Easter Service and will be starting the club after half term.

### **Water Bottles**

I am sure you realise the importance of your child having water throughout the day and therefore providing them with a water bottle for classroom use. Please can you make sure the bottle is marked with their name as this makes identification much easier for all the staff. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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