

# Huish Episcopi Primary School Newsletter January 2011

## Dear Parents and Carers,

You will by now have received your child's curriculum newsletter and so here is the first school newsletter of the New Year.

### Great Crane project

We had a fascinating assembly last Friday when two visitors from the RSPB came in to talk to us about a project to reintroduce the Great Crane to the Somerset Levels. Twenty two eggs were brought over from Germany and taken to Slimbridge where 19 hatched. They were then raised by two staff who dressed up as cranes to feed them so that the baby birds learnt not to become dependent on humans. The baby birds were then relocated to a secret place on the Somerset Levels where they have grown into young birds. They are now able to fly and when in the air they look like herons except their necks are stretched out. You can see the different characters by visiting the great crane project website. Isle class were lucky enough to have two follow up workshops where they produced some lovely art work based around the themes of the project. In summer they will follow this up by visiting a RSPB nature reserve.

### PFA News

The PFA held a meeting last Thursday to discuss events for the forthcoming term. Film Night is in school on **Friday 28th January between 3.45pm and 6:00pm**. The film is "**How To Train Your Dragon**" and the cost per child is £2.50. Further details are on the PFA letter sent out today.

A Children's disco will take place on **Friday 25th March 6.30-8pm**.

The PFA will also be involved in helping to organise a special celebration event for the Royal Wedding on **Thursday 29th April**.

*A big thankyou to ALL the PFA members who gave so much of their time in the lead up to Christmas. The various fundraising events that were organised raised almost £800 for the Climbing frame project. As a result of the PFA's efforts all children will benefit from a wonderful new climbing frame. We are hoping this will be put up during February half term.*

### Isle Class Assembly

All parents in Isle class are invited to join us to watch the class assembly next Friday at 9.10am.

### Trust Status

The Governing Body has voted to advance towards Trust Status. As a consequence, the proposal notice has been posted on the school gates, in the Western Daily Press and the school website announcing the intended change of status.

### Governing Body

- Samantha Coker has stepped down from the Governing Body. Samantha has devoted hours of time and effort to the school as Governor, Chair of Governors

and Vice Chair and has been instrumental in steering the school through difficult times. I would like to thank her on behalf of us all for everything she has achieved for the school.

- Hilary Bedford has joined the school's Governing Body as Parent Governor

## **Cooking Event-Thursday 27th January**

*Are you fed up with putting packed lunches together? Do you want some inspiration? Are you keen to encourage your child to eat a more healthy packed lunch?*

*Our cooking event next week could be the answer.....*

Next week, the children will be making delicious and healthy lunchbox foods. We would love it if you could join us to taste their creations and perhaps pick up some new recipes, so we will be holding a tasting session **after school on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January** in the hall. As well as being able to try the food, there will be recipe cards for you to take away and we will be launching a competition to find the best family recipe for a 'Lunchbox Recipe Book'.

## **English for Speakers of other languages (ESOL) class**

This term on Thursday mornings there will be classes to learn English in the community room. These classes are for adults who are beginning or developing their understanding of English. It is not too late to enrol. If interested please contact the school office.

## **Other news...**

- Some of our pupils are participating in a Cross Country competition at Huish Academy this afternoon. Good luck to our team!
- English adviser Anne Harvey was in school last week working with staff and children on how to develop good reading skills.
- Aller class and Isle class had a wonderful time doing their 'Wigglebert Worms' workshops organised by the Somerset Waste Partnership.

They learnt about the three R's (reduce, reuse, recycle ) and what happens to different materials at landfill sites. They then got to make their own wormerys. Neil from the SWAP team was very impressed with their knowledge and thought they asked some excellent questions. One of the highlights of the afternoon was when he put the Worm Cam on and the children could see in detail what worms looked like and how they moved.

- The PFA will shortly be organising another fundraising event in which they will be collecting old CD's and DVD's so do save them for us - more details to follow.
- The school wireless installation is now due to go ahead on Monday.

## **Diary Dates**

PFA Film Night 28/1/11 3.45

Netball/Football at Huish Academy 4/2/11

Shakespeare in a Day 16/2/11

Book Week w/c 14/3/11

Parents evenings- 17/3/11 & 22/3/11

Football match versus Long Sutton 2/2/11

Sedgemoor assembly 11/2/11

INSET DAY -school closed 18/2/11

Aller assembly 18/3/11