

St Boniface R.C. Primary School



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Dear Parents

Snow and ice - what a start to a New Year! Well done to all those who managed to make it to school despite the arctic conditions. My special thanks to the staff, who made a huge effort to keep the school open during this period.

During these extreme conditions, it was very helpful to contact parents by email (and texts in emergencies) to keep them updated on the situation at school by using Parentmail. If you didn't receive information this way but would like to, please check with the office that we have up to date email and mobile phone details and also your consent to join Parentmail. We hope to be able to send all information electronically to more parents as the year progresses in our plan to save energy and reduce waste.

Packed Lunches

Parents should have found a note from Mrs Collins in lunch boxes yesterday, explaining that the waste from packed lunches will be returned in the lunch boxes. This will help parents to monitor what their children have eaten during the day and it will help us to reduce our waste as we don't have the facility to recycle. Please help your child sort their rubbish into what can be recycled, what can be composted and what needs to be thrown in the bin.

St Boniface Parish First Holy Communion Programme

The programme, for those children who have already registered, starts tomorrow at 10am in the church hall. The Enrolment Mass is on Sunday 16th January at 10.30am. The first parents' meeting is on Tuesday 26th January at 8pm in the Functions Suite.

Being Parents

Mrs Bellamy will be running an 8 week course on the joys and challenges of being a parent. Parents who have taken part in the course last year found it really supportive and enjoyable. Places have been offered to parents in years 1 and 2 for this term's course. Some places are still available. If you are interested, please leave your contact details in the office for Mrs Bellamy.

Other exciting events to look forward to this term:

- The **Eisteddfod** is back! This is a great opportunity for the children to show off their talents. The McDermott Cup for Poetry will be awarded to the winner of the poetry writing competition.
- Lots of fun is planned for our **Book Week** and we hope to see lots of parents participating in our early morning story sessions. There will be a dressing up event during the week and a collection for the Cabrini Children's Society. Parents will be encouraged to come and share a story with a group of children during the morning session and there will be an oral story telling competition for the children with prizes for the best story teller in each class.
- Our year 5 children, along with other church school children, have been invited to perform a specially commissioned piece called '**Stepping into the Picture.**' The performance will take place at Southwark Cathedral. What an honour and an opportunity!

The staff and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you many blessings, good health and much happiness in the New Year.

Dates for your Diary for Spring Term 2010

Thursday 28 th January	7.30 pm Being Parents Course (and each Thursday for year 1 and 2 parents over the following 7 weeks)
Friday 22 nd January	Closing date for receipt of applications for Reception class places.
Tuesday 9 th February	3.45 - 5.15 p.m)
Wednesday 10 th February	3.45 - 5.15 p.m.) Parents' Evening by
Thursday 11 th February	3.45 -5.15 p.m.) appointment
Friday 12 th February	Closing date for receipt of applications for nursery class places.
Week commencing 15 th February	Half Term
Monday 22 nd February	INSET DAY School is closed for children
From Monday 1 st March	Local Authority to send out secondary school offers.
Wednesday 3 rd March	Eisteddfod 9.30am Church Hall
Thursday 4 th March	6.00 p.m. Meeting for Yr 6 Parents (SATs and Isle of Wight)
Wednesday 10 th March	7pm Southwark Cathedral – Year 5 to perform 'Stepping into the Picture'
Thursday 18 th March	Local Authority to send out reception offers. 6pm Curriculum Evening – Healthy Living
W/C Monday 22 nd March	Book Week
Thursday 1 st April	11am Stations of the Cross at Church School closes at 2.00 p.m.

Class Assemblies:

Class N	Friday 22 nd January	10.15am
Class W	Friday 29 th January	10.15am
Class T	Friday 5 th February	10.15am
Class O	Friday 5 th March	10.15am
Class B	Friday 12 th March	10.15am
Class I	Friday 19 th March	10.15am
Class S	Friday 26 th March	10.15am
Class C	Wednesday 3 rd February	10.30am
Class F	Wednesday 10 th February	10.30am
R1 and R2	Wednesday 10 th March	10.30am
Class A	Wednesday 17 th March	10.30am
Class E	Wednesday 24 th March	10.30am