



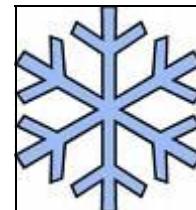
# FITZMAURICE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER NO. 9

### 21st January 2010

#### **School Closure**

After a great start to 2010, things have now been unavoidably disrupted due to the snow. As a reminder, the easiest way to find out whether the school is closed is to tune into **BBC Radio Wiltshire (103.5 FM)** or check their website ([bbc.co.uk/wiltshire](http://bbc.co.uk/wiltshire)) as they give half hourly updates of the Wiltshire schools that are **closed** (or have later opening times) that day. Alternatively, you can check the new school website, where a message will be posted if we are going to be closed or opening later.



This should now be accessed via the original address of  
**[www.fitzmauriceschool.info](http://www.fitzmauriceschool.info)**  
(as the new temporary address will redirect you there).

In case you missed our first newsletter of 2010, please be assured that we will always do our utmost to open, but we need to have sufficient staff able to get here, all main services operational and safe movement around the site. Mr Keating, our site manager did sterling work in clearing snow these past 2 weeks from not only the site itself, but also the path and road up from Frome Road. We are indebted to him for helping us to open as quickly as possible. A big “thank you” also to the team of parents who helped with snow clearing last Wednesday afternoon - you did a great job!

#### **Y6 Children with SEN**

The local authority have just issued guidance for parents of children with SEN who will be transferring to secondary school this year. The guidance can be accessed at [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/seninfoforparents/senleaflets/senleafletstranferringtosecondaryschool.htm](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/seninfoforparents/senleaflets/senleafletstranferringtosecondaryschool.htm)

#### **Emma Hughes' Memorial Fund**

This is still open if anyone would like to make a donation. We are planning to plant a tree and install a bench and planter as soon as the weather is a little better.

#### **Parent Consultations**

These have been arranged for February 9th and 11th so please keep one of the evenings free and look out for the letter which will come out shortly giving time options.

Shiel R. Taylor

## Haiti Day



Friday 29th January will be a fundraising day in school to raise money to help the people in Haiti who have been so badly affected by last week's earthquake. Children will be able to come to school in non-uniform in return for a donation of £1.00. After school we will have a whole school cake sale and the children will be selling bookmarks they have made during the day. We will also have a map of Haiti which we will aim to cover with coins. So if anyone is able to make or buy cakes to sell please send them to the school office on the morning of 29th January. If you are able to help with setting up and running the cake sale please let me know. We know we already ask you to do a lot of fundraising but we very much appreciate your support and any contribution you can make will be gratefully received.

Miss Dawkins

## Lunch box reminder

We are a 'Healthy School' and this year's focus is to make lunch boxes even healthier. It has been noticeable recently that the contents of some lunch boxes are not very well balanced. Ideally, a lunch box should consist of a savoury sandwich (preferably with the crusts on and including a little salad) or pasta salad, or another type of carbohydrate; a dairy product such as yoghurt or fromage frais; a piece of fruit; a drink of water, squash or fruit juice, and no more than one **small** treat such as crisps or a chocolate biscuit (not a chocolate bar or sweets). Fizzy drinks are not permitted in school at all.

Miss Blake

## Dance Festival

Rehearsals for the West Wiltshire Schools' Sports Partnership Dance Festival at the Forum in Bath on the evening of Thursday 4th February are in full swing. Wagtail class will be performing as '*The Muppets*' and Robin class will be performing a dance from '*Jungle*



*Book*'. If you would like to watch your child or children perform don't forget to get your tickets from the Bath Festivals' Box Office (01225 463362 or e-mail [boxoffice@bathfestivals.org.uk](mailto:boxoffice@bathfestivals.org.uk)). Tickets cost £6.00 for adults and £3.00 for children and concessions.



## Year 4 Residential Visit to Braeside

This year's residential visit to Braeside in Devizes will take place from Wednesday 5th to Friday 7th May. There will be a meeting for parents of children in Year 4 on Monday 1st February at 3.30pm, so come along and find out what your children will be doing at Braeside.



## **Cake Sale Success**



Nightingale class' cake sale last Friday raised an amazing £129.70. Thank you very much to all the parents who brought cakes and helped, and especially to Mandy Dunn who made a wonderful cake for the raffle. The cake was in the shape of an owl and was won by Mrs Jay, one of our midday supervisors who always enters the raffle but has never won before.

## **Football**

Football Club after school on Mondays will not be running this term as there are so many fixtures for our school football team. Our team will be playing in two important tournaments next week: on Monday 25th January there is the cluster football tournament at Christ Church



School, and on Tuesday 26th January the Wiltshire County Football finals will be held at Stanley Park in Chippenham. Mrs Dobbin has sent a letter to those children who will be in the team.

Look out for news of these tournaments in the next newsletter.....

## **F.S.A. Pop Quiz**



Back by popular demand! A great (and very merry) evening of head scratching, debate and friendly banter with everyone battling it out for the top prize of the kudos of being Fitz Pop Quiz Champs, all within the comfort of your own school hall.

- ◆ Bring your own snacks to share with your table (and money to buy very reasonably priced drinks from the FSA bar!).
- ◆ £2.00 per person entrance fee (up to 6 people per team) Don't worry if there's only a couple of you: we can match you up with others on the night.
- ◆ Please leave the entrance money for your team (or just you, if you want to find others on the night), a name and contact number (and a team name ideally!) in an envelope marked 'Pop Quiz' in the Office (cheques made payable to 'Fitzmaurice School Association') a.s.a.p. as obviously numbers are restricted within the hall.

Looking forward to seeing you for another memorable night!  
Any queries please talk to Mel Pike or Julia Savage (FSA).

The next F.S.A. Meeting will be on Wednesday 27th January  
at 7.30pm in the Canal Tavern.

**ALL WELCOME**

If you, or someone you know, has difficulty reading this newsletter, please contact the office to discuss how we may help you.

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### Emergency closure info:

BBC Radio Wiltshire (103.5, 104.3 or 104.9) or check their website (bbc.co.uk/Wiltshire)



### Cake Sale Dates

12th February - Kingfishers

12th March - Chaffinches

23rd April - Starlings

21st May - Kestrels

9th July - Wrens

### Activities at Bradford on Avon Library

Join the Daisy Club

Tuesday 16th February,  
10.30-10.45am.

Stories, games and crafts based on the Daisy picture books, for 3-6 year olds.

Enter the World of Narnia

Wednesday 17th February,  
10.30-11.30am.

Games and crafts from the world of Narnia, for children aged 7+.

### Dates for your diary

Wednesday 27th January - F.S.A. meeting, Canal Tavern, 7.30pm

Friday 29th January - non-uniform day for Haiti

Monday 1st February - meeting for parents of Year 4 children about Braeside, 3.30pm

Wednesday 3rd February - Chaffinch Class visit to @ Bristol

Thursday 4th February - Year 5 and 6 Dance Festival

Friday 5th February - FSA Pop Quiz

Week beginning Monday 8th February - 'International Week'

Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th February - Parent Consultations

Friday 12th February - last day of term 3

Monday 22nd February - start of term 4

Friday 19th March - swimming gala

Thursday 1st April - egg-rolling competition

Thursday 1st April - last day of term 4

Monday 19th April - **Training Day**

Tuesday 20th April - start of term 5

Wednesday 5th May to Friday 7th May - Year 4 to Braeside

Monday 10th May - SATs week, year 6

Thursday 27th May - last day of term 5

Friday 28th May - **Training Day**

Monday 7th June - start of term 6

Friday 2nd to Monday 5th July 2010 - Year 6 to Osmington Bay

Friday 23rd July - last day of term 6

### 'The Witches'

The Bradfordians' production of *The Witches*, by Roald Dahl will be staged at St Laurence School from 17th to 20th February, tickets £6.00 and £8.00. Enquiry and booking line 01225 866672.

**Please see the noticeboard in the entrance for more details of these events**