



FITZMAURICE PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Welcome back to term 4

I hope that everyone had a reasonable break (at least those who did actually get a break!).

I gather that the local press have stirred up some consternation regarding possible changes to holiday dates in 2011-12 and parents not knowing about it. We did however mention this in our January 8th Newsletter and suggest that you respond to the consultation, the deadline of which has now passed. If you didn't respond, you might be reassured to know that the proposed changes are not quite as radical as some people fear.

West Wilts Dance Festival

We were very proud of the fact that Wagtails were chosen to open this festival (with the Muppets' version of Bohemian Rhapsody) at Bath Forum and Robins to close it (with a medley from Jungle Book), with 17 schools performing in between. What a fantastic opportunity for the children to perform on such a large stage and in front of a big audience. Both classes acquitted themselves extremely well, with no sign of stage fright and some wonderful individual performances. It was fantastic to have almost every pupil there, and to see so many of you in the audience, so thank you for all your tremendous support of the event, especially in coming up trumps with costumes and in getting the children to and from the venue.

FSA Quiz Night

Another sell-out evening (we couldn't possibly have squeezed another table into the hall), with everyone enjoying themselves and contributing over £600 to FSA funds into the bargain! If you can't remember much about it, do have a look on our website, at the "Events" page. At the moment we're struggling to add the video clip, but we're working on it!

Parent Consultations

You should by now have seen your child's teacher(s) at parent consultation evenings during the last week of term 3. If you haven't, please do contact us and we will do our best to fit you in. It would be helpful to have some feedback from you about child care on these occasions, as quite a lot of you need to bring younger children with you. Please would you therefore complete the slip at the end of the next page.

Vandalism

Unfortunately during the holiday we have had a couple of incidents of vandalism.

During the first weekend one of our PE sheds was broken into and some equipment was taken out. Then during the second weekend 2 different groups (1 younger, playing football on the tennis courts and 1 older, seen on the play equipment and in gardens of houses backing on to our field) were spotted in our grounds and some further damage was done. We would very much appreciate it if you do see anyone in the grounds if you would report it to the police immediately.

Website

If anyone has any good photos that they have taken of recent school events and you would be happy for one or two to go on our website, do please let us have copies.

Shiel R. Taylor

International Week

Our International Week before the February holiday was a huge success.

Children and adults alike gained so much from this week, with several visitors including an African Drumming specialist and other exciting events, such as a Thai banquet in Wagtail Class. All the children had opportunities to experience a variety of cultures which opened their eyes to a larger world. A big thank you to all those involved.

Mr Colin MacLeod

Year 4 Residential Visit to Braeside



Just to remind you that the £25.00 deposit for this visit needs to be paid by tomorrow, 26th February, (cheques payable to 'Fitzmaurice Primary School' please).

Netball Champions!

Our 'A' team took part in the West Wiltshire Netball Championships at Kingdown School on Wednesday 10th February. All the best schools from each town in the district were involved in a Round Robin Competition in which we won four matches and drew one. As a result our team was crowned **West Wiltshire Champions** and now have the opportunity to go forward to the regional finals in Swindon on the 19th March. Congratulations to all the children on their triumph and good luck in the finals.

Miss Babs Blake

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To Mrs Taylor

If a crèche were available on Parent Consultation evenings I would use it:

Yes No

I would be willing to supervise a crèche for a 30 minute slot: Yes No

Name

Multi skills club

Multi skills Sports Club with Miss Luckins will start again next Wednesday, 3rd March, just for existing members.

Cake Sale

Kingfisher class' cake sale on 12th February made a brilliant total profit of £130.00. Many thanks to all the parents who provided cakes and who supported the class by helping to sell cakes on the day.

Sport Relief Mile

This will be a Sponsored event Thursday 18th at 10.00am . Any parents who would like to come and join in would be most welcome!

Lost Property

Please would everyone check the rather large pile of lost property which has accumulated in the area just outside the school office. Any items which remain unclaimed at the end of next week will be taken to Scallywags.

FSA Pop Quiz



Another memorable (?!) night!! From what I've heard we could write a good book about post quiz mishaps! Huge thanks to Ian and Ed for the questions and music, Cally for the scores on the doors, Fran and Justine for their fab Pop Lotto, Teän and Patrick for the 'running', Sandy for sorting all the money, everyone who helped run the bar, set up and clear up, and big thanks to you all for drinking the bar dry so Mel and I didn't have to take up the sale or return offer at Tesco...much appreciated!!

The even more amazing news is that we raised just in excess of £600, which is fantastic, so thanks for all your support. Julia Savage (FSA)

The first Fitz Saturday Film Club!

UP - an award-winning animation from Disney/Pixar (the makers of *Toy Story* & *Monsters Inc.*) will be showing on Saturday 13th March, at 3pm, in the school hall. A letter with further details has already been given to the children.

Strawberry Fair

The FSA recently met to start planning for this year's **Strawberry Fair** which is to be held on **June 19th**. It was suggested that we look into taking advantage of a scheme which some companies offer their employees which is called 'Matching Funds'. Put simply, if an employee raises money for a charity, some companies will match the amount raised thereby doubling the funding that the charity receives. If you work for an organisation which offers this scheme and can help out by running a stall or activity, this could greatly increase the income received, which in turn is ploughed back into the school. Any help in this direction would be greatly appreciated. For further details please contact Mel Pike or Julia Savage via the school office.



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



Cake Sale Dates

12th March - Chaffinches

23rd April - Starlings

21st May - Kestrels

9th July - Wrens

SEN Forum

There will be local SEN Forum in Trowbridge on 3rd March, from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Contact 08457 585072

'Everyman's Land'

Moira Townsend Williams (a Fitzmaurice parent) is putting on a brand new play at The Arc Theatre in Trowbridge starring several of our Y5 & 6 children. The show is on 29/30/31 March at 7.30pm. Tickets priced £7/£5, £20 family from the Arc box Office: 0845 299 0476.

First Aid

Free first aid courses are available at the Bradford on Avon Children's Centre. Call 01225 867184 for more details.

Dates for your diary

Saturday 13th March - Fitz Film Club showing of 'UP', 3.00pm

Thursday 18th March - Wren Class visit to Lackham

Thursday 18th March - Sport Relief Sponsored Mile

Friday 19th March - Regional Netball finals

Friday 19th March - swimming gala

Wednesday 31st March - 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**

Saturday 29th May - FSA bag-packing fund-raiser at Sainsbury's

Monday 7th June - start of term 6

Saturday 19th June - 'Strawberry Fair'

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

Friday 23rd July - last day of term 6

'The Imposters'

The band who played at the Strawberry Fair and Fireworks Evening are playing on the 27th March at the Riverside Inn if you would like to go along and support them.

Mini Squash



Trowbridge Squash Club is offering mini squash sessions for 5 to 7 year olds on Saturday mornings. Cost £3.00 per session. If interested please e-mail mark@trowbridgesquash.co.uk

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