

'In the midst of winter, I found there was within me an invincible summer.' -

Albert Careb

Pupil Voice - wish for more news and maps

John Craven was a familiar face to many young children in the 70' and 80's when he presented his *Newsround* programme on the BBC. However, with so much media choice now for children, you might be surprised how very few children actually watch any news programmes aimed at children. In a recent Pupil Voice session, a number of children requested more current news content in the curriculum and also more 'world awareness'. In response to this, we are dedicating part of each Monday assembly to watch an episode of *Newsround* and then, using Google maps, to locate the places around the world where the events are taking place. We hope it will develop the children's geographical understanding and help them keep up with current affairs.

Choir to perform at the O2

This Thursday, our school choir members will be performing at a world famous venue, as they step out onto the O2 Arena, in London. The choir had a very busy run up to Christmas, with performances in and out of school but, for them, Thursday will be very special.

New electronic payment system to be rolled out

Parents will soon be able to pay for school related items, such as school dinners and trips, online, as we rollout our new electronic payment system.

Some parents have been requesting a system like this for some time, so we are now pleased to be able to offer that service. Key Stage 2 parents currently have access to the system, to pay for school meals, and it is planned that the rest of the school will be able to access the service by the end of next week.

PSA Dates

Three PSA dates for your diary are:

- Friday 26th February - School Disco
- Saturday 12th March - Quiz Night
- Friday 10th June - Queen's 90th birthday celebrations

Parent Teacher Consultations

These will take place on:

Wednesday 30th March until 6 p.m.

Thursday 31st March until 7 p.m.

Booking forms for these consultations will be in the entrance lobby from 3 pm on Friday 18th March for all pupils, from Nursery to Year 6. In the past, only parents of Nursery pupils in their first term of Nursery were invited to parent teacher consultations. This has been extended to include all Nursery pupils.

Panto at St Faith's

Puss in Boots will be performed at St Faith's Church on Friday 19th February at 7.00pm and Saturday 20th February at 2.30pm and 7.00pm. Among the cast performing, you will see our very own Mrs Barnes, alongside one of our former pupils! Oh yes you will! Tickets cost £4 for children under the age of 12 and £7 for everyone else. These can be ordered through the school office or via the box office on 01462 451015.



Guitar lessons

We have received an enquiry about guitar lessons being made available in school. It would be possible to arrange, but there would need to be several pupils to make it viable. Music tuition currently costs £132 per term for an individual 20 minute lesson each week. Pupils would need to have their own guitar. If you would be interested in your child beginning guitar lessons, please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Free Parent Workshops

A number of free workshops for parents are coming up soon. The courses are run by the Hitchin Partnership of Schools and will be held at venues around the town. For more information please enquire at the school office, or speak with Ms Wells, our School Family Worker. The four courses are, *Understanding ASD Parent Workshop; Self Esteem for Parents; Moving On for Parents; Managing Anger, Parent Workshop.*

Display of the Week



Acorn Class pupils were inspired by a frosty morning walk to create these lovely wintry scenes and penguin poetry.