



# NEWSLETTER

April 2009

ALCONBURY C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

Every summer, I urge parents to **send their children to school with a hat**, preferably with a large brim or legionnaire's flap. It is also important to put plenty of **sunscreen on exposed skin**. I am happy for parents to send in sun cream (**named**) with their child, but children have to take responsibility for its safe use and they must not use it on anyone else but themselves. Unfortunately, we cannot take responsibility for applying it.



## Easter Service 2009

On the 16<sup>th</sup> March we had our Easter Service at the Church. Each class had made some large eggs which when the egg was opened it showed a part of the story. We started off with Elm class. Then we did some singing: 'We Have a King who rides a Donkey'. Then after that we had Willow and then Cedar classes. Afterwards we sang 'Give me oil in lamp' followed by Oak class, then Beech. Next we sang 'For God so Loved the World'. Once we had finished the song, Sycamore did their part and then Yew did theirs. Our final song was 'Lord of the Dance'. Whoever came, we hope you enjoyed it.

**Reported by Sophie and Rebecca, Year 6**

*Unfortunately, I had several parents who came to me afterwards praising the children, but complaining that they were unable to hear some of the service due to the adults talking in the congregation! It is disappointing that these parents set such a poor example to others. If it was you chatting, please respect the fact that others are there to listen and refrain next time please. Thank you, **Linda Dove***

## Monday Book Club – Help Wanted, *please!*

If there is anyone who can help Helen Howlett with our weekly book club we would be happy to hear from you. You would be needed on Monday afternoons for about a couple of hours per week. Enquiries to Helen or the school office please.

## **Safer Routes to School**

Thank you to all those who returned the safer routes to school questionnaire. An application has been submitted to the County for funding and advice to help us improve the journey to and from school. Any comments made have been noted.

**Rae Maynard**

## Achievement Certificates awarded during March and April

*Well done to all these pupils*

Ollie Maynard, Joshua Seaman, Kate Hampton, Madison Ross, Alex Nobbs,  
Ben Rowbottom, Molly Priestley, Libby Stubbs

### High Five Netball reports

On Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March, Alconbury School played Gt. Gidding in a netball match. Gt.Gidding won in the Yr4 match 0-3.

Alconbury Yr 5&6 team won the second match 2-2 against Gt.Gidding.

Finally we won again in the other Yr 5&6 match 4-3. Everyone did a great job!

**Reported by Megan and Jess, year 4**

On Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2009 there was a friendly netball match agents Elton.

After school we went outside to play the match we had a little while before they came so we practised our shooting. Then they arrived so we started to play. The Year 4 team went first then year 5 then year 6. We played in sections. After each section had played we got a biscuit and a drink. The year 4 lost their game but the year 5 drew and the year 6 team won. Overall, we drew and had lots of fun!

**Reported by Georgina and Chloe year 5**

*Last minute news....Fantastic results from a tournament at Hinchingsbrooke School on the 30<sup>th</sup> April..... Next month's newsletter will give details of a brilliant score for both of our year 5 & 6 netball teams Watch this space!!!*

### Water is Cool in School – please provide your child with fresh water daily

**We wish to remind parents and carers that Water Bottles must:**

- **be no bigger than 500ml**
- **have a sports/push down top (to avoid spillage)**
- **be clearly labeled with your child's name**
- **be clear/transparent**
- **be used for still water only**
- **be taken home for cleaning/refilling at the end of each day.**



Please note **flavoured waters, squash, or fizzy drinks** are **NOT** allowed in water bottles as they increase blood sugar levels and rot teeth. Some drinks may even increase dehydration in the longer term.

**Year 5 Maths Challenge 2009** On 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2009, Holly, Taylor, Elspeth and Chloe went to Huntingdon Primary School for the Cambridgeshire Year 5 Mathematics Challenge. There were ten schools competing and the questions were definitely challenging! Unfortunately we didn't win, but we were the strongest team in the category of estimating. {Did you guesstimate that?} We didn't come in the top three, but we didn't come in the bottom three either. **We came in the middle four!** We had a great time and if we got the chance to do it again we would.

**Reported by Taylor and Holly, year 5**

## UP FOR THE CUP ROUND 2

Girls and boys from KS2 attended the second round of the SLS up for the cup tournament on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March. It was cold and blustery day but all competitors that took part were a credit to the school. The girls' team fought hard winning most of their matches but just missed coming second on goal differences, missing out by one goal. The mixed team played three matches winning one and losing two. Well done to all children who took part and a big thank you to all parents and coaching staff. It was a very proud day for Alconbury School.



**Reported by Mrs Forshaw**

### **PTA 100 Club Winners:**

**April 2008**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Claire Ramsaran
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Chris Chalker
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Marie Durston

**Relief Midday Supervisors required** We often need a relief midday supervisor to help at lunchtimes (12:10 to 1:20pm) to cover absences. If you would be available to help, or would like to know more, please contact Pam in the office.

### **School Uniform Standards**

[www.yourschooluniform.com](http://www.yourschooluniform.com)

I believe very strongly that the school ethos and good behaviour is promoted by the wearing of uniform. Not only does it avoid early morning arguments for you at home, but also in school it helps set the standard of expectations and pride. Recently there seems to be quite a few children whose clothing does not conform. Please see your prospectus for further detail, but particularly help by promoting:

- The wearing of school **shoes NOT trainers** during the day
- Wearing school colours - preferably our school sweatshirt or cardigan
- 'School' trousers or skirts, **not jogging bottoms or sportswear**
- No jewellery, bracelets or sweatbands
- No dangly earrings - **STUD EARRINGS ONLY** (which should be removed for P.E.)
- No nail varnish, make up or visible temporary tattoos!

Thank you

**Our LOST PROPERTY box is full of unnamed clothes - please come in and claim them before we recycle them as there is no more room in the box! Please NAME all ITEMS.**

### **Spring Term 100% attendance**

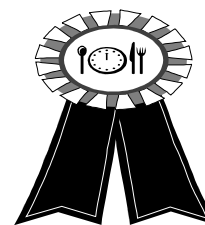
Well done to all these 61 children who, apart from our snow closure day, managed to attend last term without any illnesses or absences. All children will receive a certificate.

Adam Anderson, John Beattie, Jordan Berridge, Jack Berridge, Eleanor Bishop, Harry Blenkiron, Thomas Blenkiron, Hannah Brown, Rebecca Butler, Alex Connolly, Jake Connolly, Gemma Cook, Georgia Cooke, Liam Crack, Emily Dixon, Lucy Dowd, Emily Dowd, Dylan Duray, Miles Durston, Lewis Eeles, Carla Glover, Drew Gould, Alice Gray, Billie Hammond Johnson, Sam Hammond Johnson, Bethany Hansen, Taya Harding, Macsen Harding, Elspeth Harrison, Ben Howlett, Gabriella Hunt, Emma Hunt, Harry Janes, Skye Law, Alfie Lawford, Chloe Lay, Georgia Luscombe, Kate Marsh, Elliot McCormack, Charlie McKay, Sam Mobius, Jack Oakley, James Oakley, Samuel Oldfield, Noah O'Neill, Nathaniel Pearce, Kian Pilkington, Oliver Priestley, Sophie Ratcliffe, Charlotte Rowbottom, Corben Sartain, Dagan Sartain, Daniel Seaman, Tom Starkey, Jack Starkey, Daniel Stoddart, Chloe Upshall, Abbi Walters, Harry Wilson, Megan Wilson, Chloe Wilson.

## Lunchtime Awards for April were given to:

Gemma Cook and Daisy Williams

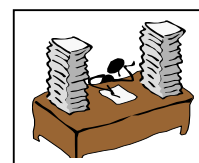
*Well done to these girls*



<b>Summer Term 2009</b>		<b><u>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</u></b>	
KS2 SATs week	11-15 May	<b><u>ACADEMIC YEAR 2009-2010</u></b>	
Paxton Pits Visit (Y5&6)	Mon 18 May	<b>Autumn Term opens</b>	<b>Thurs 3 Sept 2009</b>
May Festival in village	Tues 19 May, 2:15pm (TBC)	Half term	26 - 30 Oct
Stibbington Visit (Y4)	20-22 May	Closure day	Mon 2 Nov 2009
Stibbington Day (Y3)	Thurs 21 May -day visit	<b>Autumn Term closes</b>	<b>Fri 18 Dec 2009</b>
<b>Half term</b>	<b>25 - 29 May 2009</b>	<b>Spring Term opens</b>	<b>Tues 5 Jan 2010</b>
Musical Evening	Tues 2 June (TBC)	Half term	15 - 19 Feb 2010
Healthy Living Week	Mon 8 - 12 June	Closure day	Mon 22 Feb 2010
Olympic Gymnast display & sponsorship	Mon 8 June	<b>Spring Term closes</b>	<b>Thurs 1 April 2010</b>
Hunstanton Visit (Y1&2)	16 June (TBC)	<b>Summer Term opens</b>	<b>Tues 20 April 2010</b>
Kingswood Visit (Y5&6)	17-19 June	May Day	3 May 2010
FACES School Fete	Sat 27 June 11:30-1:30pm	Half term	31 May- 4 June 2010
Y6 SCC induction day	Tues 7 July	<b>Summer Term ends</b>	<b>Thurs 22 July 2010</b>
School Sports Day	Tues 14 July (9:30am)		
Sports Day (reserve)	Wed 15 July (9:30am)		
Leavers' Service	Fri 17 July TBC		
<b>Summer Term ends</b>	<b>Fri 17 July 2009</b>		

Remember holidays during school time cannot be authorised except in 'exceptional circumstances' ; however, if you are forced to do so, we still need to know if you intend to take your children out during school time - please continue to request leave of absence at least 2 weeks in advance. **Linda Dove**

**Children's Challenge** Well done to **Jack Butler** in Year 1 who was the only entry for last month's Sudoku challenge. Sorry no room this month!



### **From the desk of the Headteacher:**

At times we get asked if we know of any good websites for children. We use the following websites quite regularly in school but feel that they are so comprehensive, we are happy to suggest them to you. Children can dip into it at leisure and enjoy learning:

[www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk](http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk) and [www.bbc.co.uk/schools/revision/](http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/revision/)

Have fun!

**Linda Dove**



### ☺ **Feedback slip - Any comments to make?** ☹

If you have read anything you wish to comment upon in this newsletter, or anything else associated with our school, please take the opportunity to let us know.

Feedback - positive or negative, helps us look for ways to improve

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My name :

My comment: