



Newsletter 9

10th November 2017

Happy Friday!

After many years of supporting Atse Bekafa school via the charity Link Ethiopia, and I am delighted to officially announce our new charity partner moving forward – **Send A Cow!**

On Monday, Sarah, Victoria and Tom from the Bath-based charity came in and did a brilliant assembly for the children, introducing them to the varied and important work Send A Cow does. I really feel this charity's values mirror our own, and I love the way they empower families with the tools, knowledge and skills they need to become self-sufficient which in turn improves health, increases life opportunities and brings a huge amount of joy. We are all looking forward to working in partnership for many years to come, learning from them, learning about the families we help and giving our children a real sense of their place within a global community.

Currently, the charity are looking for support in the shape of half marathon runners. Here is a message from Tom...

Join Send a Cow's herd for the 2018 Bath Half.

Send a Cow is a Bath based charity helping struggling farmers in rural Africa to grow themselves out of poverty. To help us celebrate our 30th anniversary, next year we're hoping to have our biggest team yet running for us in the Bath Half marathon. Each of our runners will receive a personalised cow print running vest, a post-race massage, support up to and on the day, and an invite to our runner team training afternoon on the 20th January at our offices in Newton St. Loe. Eat, meet, chat and receive running advice from Bath based elite British triathlete Brian Glynn. It's just £10 to join our team, and we ask each of our runners to raise £200 for Send a Cow. If you'd like to sign up, or know of others who may be interested, you'll find more information and the link to sign up at www.sendacow.org/bathhalf

Wow, Becky..! Becky in Year 4 is doing something amazing for charity. She will having her lovely long hair cut off and donated to be turned into a wig for a child. She is collecting sponsorship which will all go to support The Little Princess Trust. She has a donation page [here](#) and also a real-life sponsor form if you'd prefer. Well done Becky – what a star!

Thank you... Continuing the charitable theme, thank you for your generous donations for the PTA chocolate tombola, all of which are now safely stored in the ~~staff room~~ PTA cupboard. If that is anything to go by, the Christmas fair is going to be a huge success!

Have a great weekend, Andy Bowman

Anti-bullying Week...Just a reminder that next week is anti-bullying week. All children will be doing some work on this in PPA sessions or in class and then on Friday 17th November we will have a "Circle of Friendship" to show our joint agreement to beat bullying.

We would really like the children to come to school dressed in blue on this day as this is the colour theme for Anti-bullying week (we are not asking for donations for this).

Thank you for your continued support. Mrs Blanchard and Mrs Lunn PSHE subject leaders.

Photos....Photos are being sent home today. The deadline for returning orders is the end of the day on **Wednesday 22nd November**, which will enable the photos to be returned in time for Christmas. Unfortunately any orders that miss the deadline will need to be posted direct to the photographers and will therefore incur a postage charge.

Book Fair.....A huge thank you to everyone who supported the Book Fair. We took an amazing £962 and will receive 60% commission on this sum, which will be used to buy books for the classrooms.
Thank you again, Mr Preedy

CRICKET CLUB NEWS.....Please note there will be NO year 2 lunchtime cricket ON Wednesday 15th November. Years 5 & 6 cricket will run as normal.

Love

Courage

Creativity

Joy



SPORTS NEWS....

Girls Netball Knockout Cup....The Girls' Netball Team captained by Poppy HS played in the first round of the B&NES knockout cup on Thursday 2nd November against Widcombe School. A great start to the competition, with a result of 23-13 and we are hoping to retain the title this year.

Billie R was outstanding this week in defence.

Boys

B Team Football Knockout Cup.....Our B Team, captained by Eli W went to Saltford on Friday 3rd November. They produced a school record for goals and won 18 -1. A master class of passing by the team and the combination of Max H and Nicolas L was electric!

Girls BANES Football Tournament...On Monday 6th November, the Girls' Football Team played in the BANES Tournament. Having won 2 games out of 4 in the group stages, they got through to the quarter final but were beaten 3-1 by Chew Stoke. The girls worked so well together as a Team and Jesse A, our Captain, proved outstanding on the day.

PTA Newsletter.....Thank you all for your support and for bringing in chocolate today, this is going to help make the Fair a great success!

Also remember next Thursday at 6pm is **Bedtime Story** for the Phase 1 children. If you would prefer not to go home during this hour, the Richmond Arms have kindly offered to accept pre-orders, so if you would like to take advantage of this, please pre-order before the day. They will open at 5pm.
Many thanks.
Sarah

Theatre visits.....We are very excited about our Theatre visit on 14th December when Crescendo Concerts will be performing The Snowman and The Night before Christmas. And in the New Year we will be welcoming 'One Day Performances' with their e-safety themed show.

Details of these events were sent out yesterday.
Please sign in to Parent-Pay to make a contribution of £2.75 per child towards these activities.
Thank you for your support.

Coming up in November....

- 13th – 17th Anti Bullying Week
- 14th – Flu vaccinations
- 16th – Bedtime Story 6 -7pm (Phase 1 children only)
- 17th – Dress in Blue Day & Circle of Friendship
- 23rd – Reception 2018 Open Day 9.15 to 10.15am

Coming up in December....

- 5th - Phase 1 Dress Rehearsal 2pm
- 6th - Phase 1 Nativity Performances 10am - parents of classes 1, 3 & 5
- 7th - Phase 1 Nativity Performances 10am - parents of classes 2, 4 & 6
- 8th - Phase 1 Nativity 10am - parents of classes 7 & 8
- 11th – 15th Week of Christmas parties
- 12th - Phase 2 Christmas Concert 6pm – 7 p.m. at Church
- 13th - Carols by Candlelight 6pm -7pm
- 14th – Theatre visit**
- 15th - End of Term Service in Church 9.45am
- 15th – End of Term

***Please note items in bold are new to the list**

MESSAGE FROM REV'D PHILIP....

What Fun! If you've always wanted to rip things up big time, tear down stuff, dance for joy and have your very own with a chicken leg band, then Scruffy Church on Sunday is for you. It's in the Foyer at 4pm. (Bring a bit o' tea.) There'll be story, activity, singing, belonging, shouting, togetherness and reflective quiet too. Hope to see you.
ALSO, next Sunday 19th November we'll be having a visit from **Bishop Ruth, Bishop of Taunton**. It would be lovely to see the church full of people from all parts of our community. She is the most lovely person, and I know you'll enjoy meeting her and hearing what she has to say. 10.45 as usual.
Have great weekend.
Rev'd Philip