



# The Bluecoat School and Nursery Unit

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**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2014**

## Spring Newsletter

Dear Parents

### Sport Relief – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2014

We had enjoyed a fitness filled day last Friday to support the national Sport Relief event. All children from Nursery to Y6 energetically joined in with physical activities of their choice throughout the day and I am delighted to tell you that we raised a grand total of £100. I would like to thank you all for your kind donations to this event.



As you are aware, we are now communicating with many parents via ParentMail. Lots of you have signed up to the service. If you haven't yet done so, please see Mrs Martin and she will advise you how you may begin to receive newsletters and other school communications via e-mail.

However some confusion has arisen recently with regard to letters that require you to send back a reply slip. Since we began our use of ParentMail, letters which have requested a reply from you have not been sent this way.

From today, to avoid any confusion, we will send **all** newsletters by ParentMail. **However if any letter requires you to fill in a reply slip for any reason, we will also send home a paper copy with the reply slip. Therefore, if any letter requires a reply, please remember to ask your child for the paper copy they will also bring home that day.**

### School Photograph Day – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014

A reminder that the photographer will be in school this Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2014 from 8.30am. All photographs will be managed during the school day unless you would like a family group photograph with a child that **does not** attend our School or Nursery.



If you would like one of these group photos, please arrive at the main entrance for 8.30am on Wednesday with all children you would like in the photograph. Mrs Martin will be available to welcome you and show you where to go.

## Forthcoming Easter Events

We are also busy planning our Easter end of term celebrations with the children. Our end of term disco will take place on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2014 between 6pm and 8pm. There will be lots of fun Easter themed activities for you and the children to enjoy including:

- An Easter Bonnet competition and parade
- A professional disco
- An Easter egg hunt and lots of Easter craft activities
- A bouncy castle – times slots for different age ranges
- Easter Bingo for adults and children.
- An Easter Raffle
- Tombola and Bottle Stall
- Refreshments



There will be prizes for the winning entries in the Easter Bonnet Parade and the judging will take place at approximately 6.30pm on the evening. There is a category for parents so we hope that lots of you will take part!

## Tombola and Bottle Stall Donations

As usual, we will be holding 2 non-uniform days to support our end of term disco. The first one will be this **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2014** and we are politely requesting donations of bottles and any items that we could use in our Tombola stall on Friday.



Our second non-uniform day will be on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March. On that day, we would welcome donations of Easter and chocolate eggs of any size (e.g. mini eggs and crème eggs!) for our new Easter Egg Tombola stall for the children. Thank you – your donations are always very generous and help us to hold very successful end of term events.

## Decorated Easter Egg Competition

We will also be holding our decorated Easter Egg competition this term. Judging will take place by the Mayor of Stamford on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 10am. This is one of our favourite annual events and we look forward to receiving your usual wonderful creative entries in due course. We will be accepting entries from Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April. There will be the usual range of categories and full details of these are on the attached information leaflet.



## Open Evening Event – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014

Finally, we are all looking forward to our Open Event this Thursday between 6pm and 8pm. We have received lots of requests for seats so far and we are delighted that so many of you will be joining us and celebrating your children's achievements with them. These events are now very special and important to your children and provide them with an opportunity to share their learning and successes with you on a regular basis.

We are sending out a further copy of the original letter today in case you did not receive it for any reason. If you would like seats for Thursday and haven't yet replied, please complete the attached slip and **return it by tomorrow** so that we can make sure we have room for everyone who would like to come!

**Please note that there will be no after-school clubs on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March due to the Open Event and children needing to be able to get home, have their tea and be back again on time ready for the evening at 6pm.**

I look forward to welcoming you all on Thursday.

Kind regards

Carol Hines  
Headteacher