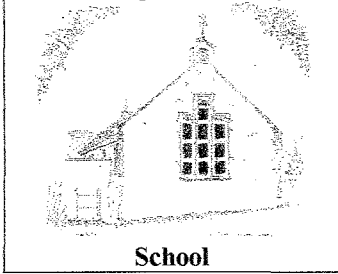


Kilmington Primary



School

## Weekly Newsletter

13 March 2009

Dear Parents,

I hope all the parents who came for lunch on Wednesday enjoyed it and we look forward to welcoming the other parents who are coming this Tuesday, 17 March.

This coming Wednesday, 18 March Year 6 will be attending the biannual Science Day at Colyton Grammar School. We ask that parents drop off their children at Colyton by 9:15 am where Mrs Millman will meet them in the car park. They will be coming back to school by coach at 1:30pm so, therefore, they will need a packed lunch. In the past the pupils have enjoyed and benefitted very much from the use of the science facilities at the school.

Please remember it is the last Cross Country Run of the season at Stockland this coming Thursday, 19 March starting at 4pm. It is open to years 3, 4, 5 and 6 so could you please let me know by returning the attached form if your child will be participating. Children can be collected slightly earlier on this day if they are participating so you can reach Stockland in good time. Please remember parents are responsible for transporting their children and supervising them during this event.

Next Friday, 20 March it is a non-uniform day in exchange for a £1 donation for the PTFA Easter Bingo on Saturday 28 March. The money will go towards purchasing prizes for the evening. *Can I also please remind parents to bake or buy cakes for the PTFA Cake Sale the following Friday, 27 March which will be held on the playground at home time. Further information is on the attached letter from the PTFA.*

On Monday, 23 March and Tuesday, 24 March we will be holding this term's Parent/Teacher Consultations for Years 1 to 6 between 6 pm and 8pm. If you would like to book an appointment will you please fill in the attached form and return to the school office by next Wednesday, 18 March. Appointment Times will then be sent out with next week's Friday Newsletter.

Also, Ms Doyle is also holding 'Open Lessons' in her class on the mornings of Wednesday, 25 and Thursday, 26 March. If you would like to come and watch a lesson in progress please can you also indicate this on the same form. So not to disrupt the class too much places will be limited to six per day.

The children are coming home today with their 'Mini Pots of Care'. These bulbs were planted last Autumn and, hopefully, will not only bring some Spring colour to your

homes but raise money for the Marie Curie Cancer Charity. The pots are accompanied by a letter and an envelope for you to return a donation in, if you wish.

Over the next couple of weeks the PTFA will be putting together another newsletter which they hope to send out before the end of term. If anyone has anything they would like included such as ads, items wanted and/or for sale or any comments please email them to Diane Overton at this address. Thank you.

Finally, Barbara Anning on behalf of the PTFA has again agreed to organise something special for the children but this time with an Easter Theme. Following on from the highly successful *Christmas Cards* she found a company who will put children's pictures on pottery mugs and these come filled with small Easter Eggs, so could be a good present for the forthcoming holidays. Next week we will be sending out the sheet the children will need to draw their picture on which will then be transferred to the mug. The cost of the mugs is £6 each but £1 of that will go to the school. If you would like to order these mugs please return the completed sheet to school by next Friday, 20 March together with the £6. **Please note as Barbara has to pay the company with the order we will not be able to order any mugs without the money.**

Malcolm Bettison

*PS: "Darrell, Lucy and all at the Kilmington Baptist Church would like to thank all those who offered their condolences and support following the fire at our building. The church will be "on the move" for many months, meeting in various venues for midweek and Sunday meetings. The Sunday morning services at 10.45am will still have creche and clubs for children, and will be held in Kilmington Village Hall, Axminster Guildhall or Axminster Valley College. All are welcome to join us on a Sunday morning, and you can check to find up to date information."*

**Parent Consultation Evening**

**Return to the office by Wednesday, 18 March**

Name/s of child/children \_\_\_\_\_

**Appointment time:**

*(Please tick box)*

Monday 23 March

Tuesday 24 March

6pm - 7pm

7pm - 8pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

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**Axe Class Open Lessons**

**Please return by Wednesday, 18 March**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Wednesday 25 March**

Literacy 9:45 - 10:45

Numeracy 11:00 - 12:00

**Thursday 26 March**

Literacy 9:45 - 10:45

Numeracy 11:00 - 12:00

## **Cross Country**

My child \_\_\_\_\_ will be attending the Cross  
Country Race at Stockland on Thursday, 19 March.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

## Results of Packed lunch Survey

March 2009

Firstly, I want to thank all the parents who responded to the questionnaire, we had a 25% response rate which we were very pleased with. Out of the parents who responded 90% were broadly in favour of the policy (with minor adjustments); 5% were not sure and 5% not in favour. We would much rather draw up our policies and procedures with your input and cooperation.

To respond to some of the more straight forward queries:

- ❖ The Teachers do eat with the children. There is always one teacher on duty and they eat in the ICT Suite with the older children who are eating packed lunches. Our staff room is so small that there are always at least one or two teachers who choose to eat their lunch with the children. The teachers all model good table manners and a healthy approach to eating .
- ❖ There is absolutely no pressure put on the children to eat up quickly and get out to play, if anything it is the opposite, with us encouraging the children to eat more. In Axe Class we regularly get out the lunch boxes half way through the afternoon to see what is left!
- ❖ We already do a considerable amount of work within the curriculum about what constitutes a healthy diet. This is reinforced every year in Healthy School Week when we hold the healthy lunchbox competition .
- ❖ The freezer packs are discretionary. One idea is to freeze the tubes of fromage frais and use them to keep the food cold .
- ❖ Bearing in mind that there is a chocolate based pudding on the school dinner menu once a fortnight and oven chips on a Friday and we don't want children who bring packed lunch to feel penalised the School Council voted to allow one small chocolate bar in the packed lunches but preferably not everyday .
- ❖ Some parents felt that the policy was too prescriptive, so we will make it more flexible and monitor what happens .
- ❖ We will ask the PTFA if they are willing to compile a leaflet of healthy lunchbox suggestions for parents.

Kilmington Primary School  
Parent Teachers & Friends Association

March 2009

Dear Parent

Just an update to keep you all informed of PTFA fundraising dates for the next couple of months.

On Friday 20th March there will be a non-uniform day for a £1 donation. This money will go towards purchasing Spring theme prizes for the Spring Bingo evening which is on Saturday 28 March in the Village Hall. Eyes down at 7.30pm. There will be coffee and teas available and sausages in rolls can be pre-booked. Please come along....the children love it!

On Friday 27 March there will be the ever popular cake sale at 3.30pm outside the ICT suite so make sure you bring your money to purchase some cakes - yum.

On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March... (mmm - it's a bit like buses, nothing and then a whole load come along!!) is the Spring Arts afternoon in the village hall. The PTFA will be selling tea, coffee and cakes and there will be a raffle too. There will also be the very popular Cake Auction - cake donations PLEASE! (Chocolate and mini egg ones are always popular!!!!).

Then onto April. Thankfully there is Easter and a lovely break from school for the children (and grown-ups!). To welcome us all back to the school routine, there will be a PTFA coffee morning which is to be held on Wednesday 29 April commencing at 9.15am. This will be held in the vicarage in Kilmington. Please come along - you would be very welcome. That evening sees the next PTFA meeting too, again you would be very welcome to come along.

In May there will be a chance for the children to play shopkeepers and have a tabletop sale in the school playground (weather permitting). There will also be the popular Jumble Sale and to round up the month the charming May Pole Dancing afternoon. Hopefully we will see some sunshine!

The Committee would like to say a Huge THANK YOU to all parents and friends who have supported the fundraising events so far.

Best wishes,

Kathy Jobson, Chairman Kilmington PTFA

# SPRING BINGO

For just £1 your child can come to school in **Non-Uniform** on **March 20<sup>th</sup>**. The PTFA will use the money from the non-uniform day to buy great prizes for the Spring Bingo.

Eyes down 7.30pm on **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March** for the **Spring Bingo**, everyone is welcome. A book of bingo cards for 10 games is £1 and all proceeds go to the school. Please come and join us, bring your friends and family, treat them to a hot dog and a fun night out!

To **pre order Vegetarian/hot dogs** please tear off the slip below and return to the office by **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March**.

Your support is greatly appreciated, thank you.

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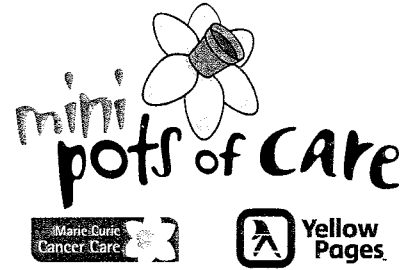
Name \_\_\_\_\_

I would like

..... Hot Dogs@ £1.50 each

.....Vege Dogs@£1.50 each

I enclose £ \_\_\_\_\_ for food



Dear Parent or Guardian

We are delighted to inform you that your child will be taking part in Marie Curie Cancer Care's Mini Pots of Care, run in partnership with *Yellow Pages*.

Mini Pots of Care is a fun and creative way for children aged three to 11 to learn how plants grow while helping people affected by cancer in their local community. Your child will receive their very own daffodil bulb to plant at school this autumn. Supported by their teacher they will monitor and care for their growing shoot until it blossoms into a beautiful daffodil in the spring.

Mini Pots of Care contributes to Key Stage 1 and 2 National Curriculum requirements for science and is accompanied by a full range of classroom activities to help your child get the most out of learning.

As part of the planting activity, your child is bringing home an envelope to help raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Care. They can colour in the pictures on the envelope as they gather their donations.

Money raised by your child will help provide more hours of home nursing care for people with terminal cancer and other illnesses. The activity also saves valuable resources as all the promotional materials are being generously supported by *Yellow Pages*, with the planting materials supported by Homebase and delivered free of charge by City Link.

Once your child's Mini Pot of Care is in bloom, they will join pupils all across the country by decorating their pot wrapper on Paint Your Mini Pot Day marking the launch of Marie Curie Cancer Care's Great Daffodil Appeal in March, 2009. Your school will select one wrapper to enter into our nationwide art competition.

Thank you very much for your wonderful support. We hope your child has lots of fun taking part.

With best wishes,

Tracey Murray  
Marie Curie Cancer Care

[www.mariecurie.org.uk/minipotsofcare](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/minipotsofcare)

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