



## BENSON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Providing a rich,  
stimulating & enjoyable  
environment, where  
children can begin their  
learning journey &  
prepare for adult life*



NEWSLETTER

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## Message from Mrs Crolla

*Our value for this term is: Love*

The last two weeks have been extremely busy, with visits, celebrations, Red Nose Day and inter-house netball tournaments. The children have worked extremely hard this term so are looking forward to their Easter break. This will be the final newsletter for term 4 so I hope that you all have a wonderful holiday.



Mrs Crolla  
Head Teacher

## Key Dates

### March:

31.3.17 Chocolate Bingo at 6pm

### April:

6.4.17 Children's Film Night

7.4.17 Easter Service 10am. End of Term 4

24.4.17 Start of Term 5

### May:

8<sup>th</sup> May Statutory Assessment Week

19.5.17 Oak Class Care and Share Assembly  
Children's Spring Disco





## Other News

### Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone for dressing up on Red Nose Day. We raised a total of £261. A special well done to Ella Harris and Lewis Wood, for their sponsored silence. They contributed £40 to the total.

### Easter Lunch and Raffle

The Easter lunch will take place next Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April. Please note that the menu for Wednesday and Thursday of next week will be swapped. The raffle will take place in assembly, with all children being provided with a ticket. Thank you to the staff team for donating eggs for the raffle and to Fobs for providing smaller eggs for all children.

### Earth Trust Visits

Willow and Elm Classes have enjoyed trips to see new lambs and piglets at the Earth Trust Farm. Our youngest children were thoroughly excited by the coach, their packed lunches and of course the farm. Thank you to the team for organising these special trips.

### Inter-house Netball Tournaments

All children from Years 1 to 6 have taken part in the tournament this week. The older children played a more traditional game on the playground, whilst Oak and Chestnut bounced around the hall. Points will feed into the scores for each house.

### Goodbye and Good Luck!

I am sorry to be announcing that Mrs Catherine Boddy will be leaving at the end of term 6. Mrs Boddy has been appointed to a position within Iffley Mead Special School. I am sure that you will join me in wishing her well with the next stage in her career.

Mrs Kirsty Scragg will also be leaving in July, to teach nearer her home. Miss Scragg has contributed many creative ideas to the reception class.



## Other News

### Earth Trust Lambing Weekends

Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd April      11am-4pm each day

**Our Lambing Weekends give people the opportunity to see the first spring lambs and take part in a host of fun, outdoor activities:**

- Visit the sheep sheds to see the ewes and lambs and meet shepherd Emma
  - Also encounter some of Emma's Simmental cows
  - Meet the sandy and black pigs and piglets
  - See anglo nubian goats and kids in the farmyard
  - Bale climbing
  - Tractor and trailer rides (weather permitting)
  - Take part in our sheep hunt and quiz
  - Make a pompom sheep and/or a farmyard finger puppet and join in story time
  - Candle rolling
  - Plus outside play area, face painting, mud kitchen and more!
- \* Refreshments  
\* Try drop spinning wool



### Barked Area

Thanks to a FOBs initiative to secure funding from the Benson Bulletin Funds, the area outside Willow Class will be finished off during the Easter holidays. We would like to create a quieter space around the new play equipment, by fencing the edge and placing benches, wind chimes, bird feeders and insect houses.





## Other News

### Sport News

#### **Years 3 and 4 Netball Tournament**

Thanks again to parents who helped with transport to this event. Everyone from netball club was able to attend the event, a first for some children. All the children played their best, learned through their mistakes and enjoyed the chance to put what they have learned into competitive practice.

It was heart warming to see how some of our more confident players helped opposing teams who were less confident with the rules-sportsmanship at it's best. After a gruelling 7 games for each team, the children were delighted that their hard work secured them First and Third places, reward for commitment, enthusiasm and skills.

#### **Sainsburys Active Kids**

Please help us collect as many Active Kids Vouchers as we can. They buy resources to replace or supplement what we have in school.

#### **Inter-house Netball**

All children from years 1-6 have participated in the netball tournaments this week. There has been great excitement either on the playground or in the hall. Thank you to Mrs Hadfield for organising this and well done to all the children.

#### **Terms 5 and 6 Sports Clubs**

Please check your emails for details of the clubs available next term. Permission slips will be sent home in book bags and we ask that these be returned by **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April**

#### **Congratulations to Maple and Sycamore Classes**

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the SkillForce award ceremony yesterday. The children have spent the last term learning about first aid in addition to orienteering, team building activities and leadership skills. Well done to Molly Flynn, who received the personal achievement award.



# FoBS News

## ***Dates for your diary:***

Its been a busy few weeks of FoBS activity.

*A huge thank you to Alice Jones-Evans who has organised two very successful events, Mum's Film night and the Mother's Day cake sale.*

**Mums' Film Night** - A great evening was had by all watching Bridget Jones's Baby raising £135. The school hall was transformed into a relaxing movie theatre with snacks, great company and fizz. Thank you to those who helped set up, clean away and run the evening as well as all those who came along.

**Mother's Day Cake Sale** - Wonderfully promoted by Helen Lowe's posters and Lewis Batt's signboards. A huge thank you to all the wonderful bakers who baked amazing cakes for the sale. Thank you to all those FoBS members who put on their sales hats and sold them all, raising a whopping £467. A final thank you if you came down on the day and bought some cakes too!

**Chocolate Bingo** - TONIGHT! - Thank you to Anna Sen who has been busy organising this event and thank you to Donal Markey who has stepped up as our new Bingo caller - he has been busy brushing up on his two little ducks and legs 11!

## **What has FoBS been spending money on?**

New Atlas books for the library

Extra outdoor play equipment, including a Critter cabin (bug hotel), Tube pipping musical instrument and fencing around the new outdoor play equipment

PGL trip contribution for years 5 and 6

New magazine subscriptions for the library

## **What's happening behind the scenes in FoBS?**

A team of FoBS members, parents and teachers have been working on a grant application to provide more investment for music for the school - fingers crossed we are successful as a lot of time and effort has gone into this. Thank you to Jennie Batt, Ali Stokes, Charlie Stratford and Sarah Stuart for your help so far.

## **What's coming up?**

**Children's Film Night** - please send your forms in asap for your children to watch 'Trolls' **ON Thursday 6th April**. Marie Finch is the film night contact - thanks Marie for organising this.

**Benson Bunny - Easter Sunday** - Have you heard of the Benson Bunny? aka Mr B. He will be going on his annual walk on Easter Sunday and we thought we would ask if any Benson mummies and daddies would like Mr Cool Dude Bunny to drop by their house to say hi to any little ones (visits can only be to Benson Village only). If you would, then please email Marie ( Mr Bunny's P.A.) [marie.teavintage@gmail.com](mailto:marie.teavintage@gmail.com). £2 per child and this will include the visit and a chocolate treat.

**Spring Disco - Friday 19th May** - Same format and the same fun as our Christmas version, dust off those dancing outfits and be prepared for another hot and fun evening. Thank you to Jennie Batt for organising this and Marie Finch for her unique DJ skills.

**Second hand uniform sales** - Watch this space, one coming up next week - get your summer uniform before Easter - cheap cheap cheap!!

**Summer BBQ - 8th July** - a friends and family event for Benson school, with entertainment from Bertie slippers, a BBQ, cream tea's from Tea Vintage and a few stalls to keep everyone happy.

Wishing you all a lovely Easter break from everyone on the FoBS team, if you can spare some time and would like to be involved in FoBS, the door is always open.

