



Developing confident learners who thrive within a Christian ethos

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Newsletter 2
September 2016



Fantastical Cambridgeshire

**Monday 19th September – 3.15-4.15pm –
Display of children’s artwork**

All welcome to look at the artwork and mapping created by last year’s, Year 1 and Year 5 classes; also find out a little more about the Fantastical Cambridgeshire Blitz Day and meet the Cambridge Curiosity and Imagination team.

**Saturday 24th September – 10.30am – 3.30pm
Fantastical Cambridgeshire Blitz Day at
Eynesbury CE Primary School**

All welcome.

Working with local artists and other members of the local community, we aim to help create a fantastical map of the local area to be shared and published. All ages, no ‘artistic’ skills required, just the ability to think creatively and explore the local environment in a different way.



www.cambridgecandi.org.uk

Lucas, Year 2, created the mystical creature that now forms the logo for Fantastical Cambridgeshire (see above). Well done Lucas.

Early Years ‘Help Me Grow’ Project
Wow, what a transformation!

On Friday 9th September, we had a team of volunteers led by Mrs Claire Hoather, parent, and Ms Pruden, Early Years Leader, who spent the day building structures and creating amazing learning spaces for our Nursery and Reception children. 15 volunteers from Bosch Rexroth joined the Early Years staff team and volunteer parents in building a log cabin, creating a ‘Forest School’ environment including a log circle, fire pit and canopy. All other areas in the Early Years area were also refreshed ready for our learners.

Funding for the project has come from very generous donations from local companies including Bosch Rexroth and Lynch IEI Ltd. Thank-you so much to Bosch Rexroth’s MD, Alastair Johnstone, for supporting this project both financially and providing the manpower for the day to complete this volunteer work. (Photos from the day are included at the end of this Newsletter. The project has also feature in the Hunts Post and Cambridge News.)

We have further plans for our outdoor learning environment and a group of mums from Nursery and Reception have kindly organised a Quiz Night to raise further funds. This has been sponsored by Noonan Crane.

Quiz Night – Friday 30th September from 7.15pm.
Tickets are on sale at £15 for a team of up to six, which includes a free bottle of wine!!

eynesburyprimaryquiz@gmail.com

Claire 07834 022180 or Mel 07875 556501

Money raised at this event will go directly towards enhancing our outdoor learning environment.

If you are unable to attend the quiz, but would like to make a donation towards our outdoor learning environment project, please bring donations to the school office or email Claire Hoather.

Thank-you so much to Mrs Hoather, and the team of volunteers supporting her, for all that has already been achieved through fundraising and voluntary work.

New Children

Following welcoming Ethan, Jake and Ellis to our school in the last Newsletter, I would also like to welcome Finlay (Year 1) and Seren (Year 2). Finlay has now join his sister Farah (Year 2) at the school. Seren returns to Eynesbury after briefly moving out of the area.

'Childhood Cancer Awareness Month – sale of badges/ wrist bands

September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Mya (Year 3) will be selling pin badges and wristbands from Tuesday – Friday this week. There will also be a charity collection bucket at the gate at the end of each day.

We will be raising money for Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group – CCLG – www.cclg.org.uk The wristbands and pins will be sold for a donation of £1. Like poppies and red noses, the children may wear these bracelets in school until the end of September, however at other times these bracelets are for evenings and weekends only please and not appropriate at school. Charity bracelets will be sold by Mya and a friend on the playground from Tuesday – Friday only. The following week any remaining items will be sold from the school office.

This term's charities:

Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group (CCLG) – September;
Harvest Collection – St Neots Foodbank and Paines Mill Foyer– October;
Poppy Appeal – British Red Cross – November;
Operation Christmas Child/ Shoebox Appeal – November;

Children's Society – Christmas Service collection
Our School Council will be determining our charities for the following terms.



Congratulations

At the end of last term, a number of pupils undertook music examinations. We are proud of the following achievements:

Livvy Nash – Clarinet – Grade 1
Phoebe Conway – Clarinet – Grade 1
Isaac Trendell – Carr – Trumpet – Grade 2

Congratulations to our musicians for their hard work and achievement.

We welcome Gary Agar to the staff music team. Mr Agar is our new guitar tutor. He will be teaching pupils from Year 4-6, individually and in pairs. If you would like further information, please contact Mrs Crozier via the school office.



School Uniform

It is lovely to see the children so smart at the start of the term – lots of new shoes, bags and lunch boxes too. Please don't forget to name school items. It is easy to return lost items when you know who they belong to, we often end up taking un-named items to charity shops when they remain unclaimed.

A couple of reminders –

- Please ensure all long hair is tied back;
- All earrings are removed for PE and sport;
- Hooded tops are considered outdoor wear and will not be able to be worn within the classroom. Please provide a sweatshirt or cardigan which can be worn in the classroom;
- Please ensure your child has white, navy, grey or black tights or socks only please. No brightly coloured or patterned items please;
- A reminder that leggings are not part of the school uniform. Girls are welcome to wear school trousers instead of a skirt/ summer dress, however leggings are not part of the school uniform. (Denim is not considered part of the school uniform.)
- Conditions can change through the day and children are expected outside in most weathers! Please ensure all children have a coat in school at all times.

Annual Data Collection and Permission Slips

You will now have received a separate letter asking you to review data held by the school and to update information including contact and medical information. **This annual data collection is very important.** Please return forms promptly to the classteacher. This information will be held on file for the year.

(If your child has medication in school, please check expiry dates and replace medication if required. This remains your responsibility.)

Please return data collection and permission slips as soon as possible.



Acts of Collective Worship

We have a daily Act of Christian Collective Worship. We value these special times, offering the children a chance to gather together and encounter Christian stories, songs and prayers. The children are given the opportunity to reflect and worship God. We often share the school prayer in song or words:

**O Lord, Bless our School,
that working together and playing together,
we may learn to serve you
and to serve one another. Amen.**

(This prayer is also taught to the Nursery and Reception children during this Autumn Term.)
You have the right to withdraw your child from any or all Acts of Collective Worship. Please let the school know if this is your wish.

Eucharist Services (Year 1-6 children)

As part of our programme of Collective Worship, we hold termly Eucharist Services each year. These are led by Rev Debbie and are held in the school hall. Parents are invited to attend and participate in these services. Each child receives an individual blessing during the service.

As an Act of Collective Worship, you have the right to withdraw your child from the three Eucharist Services during the school year. Please let the school know if this is your wish.

Religious Education (Year 1-6 children)

We also provide teaching of religious education for all learners in accordance with a locally agreed syllabus. Through learning about Christianity and other religions, the children are encouraged to appreciate other people's religious perspectives and cultural backgrounds.

You have the right to withdraw your child from any or all Religious Education lessons. Please let the school know if this is your wish.

Harvest Tin Race



Over the last few years, we have collected an amazing number of tins from our harvest celebration. Our Harvest tin collection was split between the St Neots Food Bank and Paines Mill Foyer.

This year's Harvest Tin Race will run from Monday 3rd October until Friday 7th October. Children should bring tin donations into their class, so they can be counted. The class collecting the most tins will win a large 'tin' prize.

The tins will be on display in the church. The combined Church/School Harvest Service is on Sunday 9th October at 10:30am, followed by a Bring and Share Harvest lunch in the school hall– all welcome. More information to follow to confirm numbers for the lunch.

School Harvest Service in the church

On **Wednesday 12th October at 9.30am**, Year 1- Year 6 children will be taking part in a Harvest Service held in the church. Some of the classes will be preparing a reading, poem or prayers to read at the church as part of the service. The children will be singing harvest songs. All parents and grandparents are welcome to attend.

Please let your child's classteacher know if you do not wish your child to attend the Harvest Service.

Secondary School Admissions – September 2017

(Parents of children presently in Year 6)

Letters have now been sent out to all parents of Year 6 children regarding secondary school admission arrangements for September 2017.

Applications must be completed by the national closing date 31st October 2016.

There are two ways to make your application for a secondary school place. It can be done either:

- online via our website : www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/admissions
- on a paper application, copies of which are available from the school office, from the Admissions Team or available for download from our website.

A leaflet called 'Next Steps: Admission to Secondary School; a guide for parents' has been sent to all Year 6 Parents via Parentmail. A copy is also available on the school website in Year Group Pages - Year 6. (A paper copy can be requested at the school office.)

The national Secondary School offer date is 1st March 2017.

St Neots Learning Partnership (Secondary Schools) Open Evenings

Ernulf Academy – Tuesday 18th October 6pm – 8pm

Lomgsands Academy – Thursday 20th October 6pm – 8pm

Transition Days (both schools) – Tuesday 4th/ Wednesday 5th July 2017

We strongly recommend that ALL Year 5 and 6 parents take up the opportunity to visit one or both secondary school Open Evenings to enable children to start to prepare for the move to the next stage in their education.

Parents of Year 5 children who visited last year felt it was a valuable opportunity to start talking about moving to secondary school. The final years in primary school seem to zoom by!

ADVANCED NOTICE - Primary School Admissions – Reception September 2017

(Parents of children presently in Nursery or whose child will be 4 years old during this academic year.) You will be receiving information about Primary School Admissions after October half term. Applications can be made from November 2016. All applications must be completed and returned to the County Admissions Team by the national closing date of **15th January 2017**. (See above for the two ways your application for a Reception school place can be made.)

You are reminded that all parents must apply for a Reception school place. A place at our Nursery does not mean they automatically have a place in the school. Reception admissions forms should be completed for all children who will be Reception age in September 2017.

We will be offering tours in school during this term for you to see the school during a normal school day to help inform your decision regarding your child's Reception place.



School Meal System

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a FREE school lunch as part of the Government scheme for Universal Infant Free School Meals.

For Year 3-6 parents, if you are in receipt of benefits your child may be entitled to a free school meal. Please contact the school office for more information.

School meals are available for all children in Years 3 – 6 at a cost of £2.25 per day. This is payable in advance using the Parentpay system. Please ensure at the end of the week any outstanding payments are paid.



Photographs from the 'Help Me Grow' Bosch Rexroth Community project day – Early Years outdoor area

