

Cheriton Bishop Community Primary School



Snippets from the Classroom and Beyond

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Number 147, hmmm.....that means that Snippets has been going for over thirteen years – there are eleven newsletters per year! I believe I've only missed two or three issues in that time. Is there anyone out there who would be interested in helping to create Snippets – perhaps writing the odd one or two editions. You really must be getting fed up of my occasional rants and raves alongside the school news. Let me know if you have the urge!!

Right, let's see what has been happening. The school Christmas production in the church, including costume preparations and rehearsals, was recorded and has now been produced on a DVD. This is where I go all old and crinkly and say "All this fancy equipment wasn't available at school in my day". It wasn't but it is now and creates a wonderful record of the children's achievements for the parents to look back on in years to come.

Last month I mentioned the sponsorship of a number of orphans at the 'chummy' school in Tanzania. The £45.00 asked for pays for that child's food, underwear, socks, shoes, school uniform, school equipment, books for school and a school bag. This gives them a great fillip in life when they compare themselves to their luckier school mates. I believe there are still a small number of these children who need sponsors. Let's get round and sponsor all 50. It's not asking much!

In the last edition, I mentioned adverse weather procedures when the school might well be forced to close. The school has written to all families again to remind them of the correct routine. All those who haven't got email facilities will have been sent hard copy of these instructions. For those of you who have no connection with the school, the main method of communication with parents is by email and the school web site – another modern change!

On, then, to the sports results and the sport is netball. On 4th February, CB hosted the second Federation Netball match (no, don't ask me, I don't know where or when the first match took



place. I am only as good as the information I'm given). The schools of the Woodleigh Federation – CB, Tedburn and Yeoford – produced an outstanding team to play against the Mid Moors federation – Coplestone and Spreyton. They gained a very impressive score line of 11 – 0. Well done them. The teams are pictured on the left.

By the time this missive is read, the mess of

misdirected pancake batter will have been cleared up and all children judged competent in cooking pancakes for Shrove Tuesday. Well, the event was called 'Pancake Fun'. I shudder to think of how far pancake batter can reach!

We've got two items coming up on 7th March, World Book Day and the Crediton Learning Community's 'Century of Song'. The former is an opportunity for the children to celebrate reading books, authors and illustrators. They will be able to attend school dressed as the book character of their choice. I hope they all have a go. The 2nd item on 7th March will be held at the Great Hall of Exeter University. All the children taking part will be celebrating the music of the twentieth century decade by decade. Class 3 are taking on the rock era of the 1970s and they have been exploring the music of 'Queen' in particular. I suspect they will look really 'way out' in their costumes to represent the fashions of the seventies, flares etc!

Just gone, the children held a 'Feel Good Day' on Valentine's Day when they were encouraged to get involved in a whole range of activities to do with 'Talents, Achievements and Aspirations'. This covered arts, crafts and team games. Parents with special skills came into the school to demonstrate their skills to the children and, indeed, the children were encouraged to demonstrate any special skills they might have. Part of the day involved a challenge to raise as much money as they could for Barnado's, a very worthwhile cause.

Time then for the calendar:

Spring Term:

18th – Fri 22nd Feb - Spring Half Term

25th February - Non Pupil Day

28th February - Exeter Partnership Play Leader Training and Multi-Sports Festival

26th February - 2nd Half of Spring Term

7th March - 'Century of Song' CLC Event at Great Hall, Exeter

7th March - World Book Day

8th March - Exeter School Partnership First Aid Training for Class 3

14th March - KS1 Multi-skills Festival at Tedburn St Mary (am)

14th March - KS2 Multi-skills Festival at Tedburn St Mary (pm)

15th March - Red Nose Day (more details to follow)

21st March - Year 5 & 6 Multi-Sports Festival at Queen Elizabeth's CC

22nd March - Music Sharing Assembly with Mrs Kellman 11:00am

22nd March - Federation Cup - Netball Tournament at Tedburn St. Mary

28th March - End of Spring Term

28th March - Easter Service and Spring Celebration Fayre (details to follow)

Summer Term:

20th – 24th May - Wildwise Camp – Years 5 & 6 (more details to follow)

The Dartmoor Railway ran a very successful Valentine's Dining Train on Friday 15th February. Forty two customers dined in style as the train traversed the line between Meldon and Bow. All the passengers declared themselves delighted with the experience. A programme of events covering the whole year has been proposed but is still awaiting the OK from the bean-counters 'up north' in headquarters. Until that is cleared we can't go ahead and get timetables and the like printed.

Mariners Away had an enjoyable evening performing for senior Royal Marine and Swedish Naval Officers down at Stonehouse Barracks in Devonport on Tuesday 12th. This was followed by a further performance in 'The Artillery' Inn in Stonehouse.

Every 6 years the Church Electoral Roll has to be totally revised. If you are on the present Electoral Roll or if you want to join it, please fill in one of the new forms which are available on the shelf just inside the church. I can also provide forms on request. Please return all completed forms to 'Resthaven'.

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