



18<sup>th</sup> March 2010  
**Newsletter**



**International Day** – Tomorrow is International Day and the children are permitted to wear either the national costume of any country or the colours of the French or Spanish flags (not football kits). There is great excitement in school and the day promises to be brilliant. A parent has now volunteered to teach Flamenco to add to the list of activities and yesterday the Y3 classes learnt some Chinese in preparation.

**Partington Partnership** – On Tuesday the staff from Partington Primary School came to visit as a part of our reciprocal arrangement. We had some good conversations about the different issues facing our two schools and then showed off our fabulous pond and outdoor areas. Their Y3 classes will be visiting the pond next term, working with children from our Y3.

**Shine Walk** – The staff taking part in this are all training hard. They walked 18 miles on Sunday and grumbled about sore toes and aching legs all day on Monday. The 'Guess the Name of the Bear' contest is now in the entrance hall. If you would like to participate, please put 50p in the honesty box and select your choice of name.



**International Children's Villages** – Last week I forgot to mention Tom Dillon, who has already been to his camp in Costa Rica for four weeks starting on Boxing Day. He had a fantastic time mixing with children from 14 countries and there was not really time to feel homesick. He said "it made me think about not taking things for granted.....especially the rich and poor game, where only one quarter of us ate well that day and the rest were fed as though they were poor."

**Cake Sale** – Not to be outdone by the girls, Daniel, Thomas, Henry, Lewis, Adam and Charlie from Y6 held a cake sale and organised games last week, raising the magnificent sum of £113 for the RSPCA. The raffle with Easter Egg prizes was a particular favourite - well done boys!



**Experience Easter** – We are still hoping for a few more helpers if anyone is available (grannies, granddads welcome as well as mums and dads). Please see Mrs Brierley if you think that you may be able to help for a couple of hours.

**Easter Service** – Please join us at our Easter Service next Friday at 2pm (Y2 – 6 only). The children will need to wear school uniform for the last day of this term and not own clothes.

**Scholarship congratulations** – the children who took Independent School exams did particularly well this year. In addition to those who passed the academic entrance examinations, three were awarded scholarships - Ruby James for music (to two schools), Rebecca Myers for music and Laura Jackson for sport. We were especially pleased to hear from the headteacher in one school who said that she had to ring to



tell us how lovely our pupils were and what a credit to the school. That is exactly what we like to hear!

**New Community Classroom** – Planning permission has now been granted and we have had the first site visit. Demolition of the old mobile and construction of the new one will start next week, so it's full steam ahead with the building and plans for the library.



**Parking problems (again!)** – The office has received several complaints from neighbours over the last couple of weeks. They are about inconsiderate parking and then an unfortunate reaction to any challenges. Please try to be extra considerate to our neighbours, as they really are very understanding and you can imagine the inconvenience caused twice a day by school traffic and parking.

**Infant start and finish of school** – Please do not let your children play on the infant field before school in the morning. We try to protect the grass by only allowing the children to play there when we give permission and it is too far from the teacher on duty to keep an eye on them. At the end of the day, please do not let your children run around the back of school by the sports store. Mrs Morrow's last lesson is being disrupted by infant children running around the back of the building, completely unsupervised and banging on her windows. Children should not go into the adventure play areas unless they are being supervised by a member of staff (our insurance does not allow it.)

### **Children's Easter Activity Day**

Come along and join in the fun on Maundy Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> of April for a day of worship, fun, games and crafts at Bowdon Parish Centre, from 10 am 'til 2 pm (bring a picnic lunch). For further details call Jo Oughton on 0161 929 1537, or email [admin@bowdonchurch.org](mailto:admin@bowdonchurch.org) to book a place.

On Good Friday at 10.30 a.m. there will be a lively service of all age worship at Bowdon Parish Centre, so come and join in for a fabulous fun time, and a hot cross bun afterwards!

**PTA News** – The PTA are pleased to announce a new venture, a Car Boot Sale will take place on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2 – 4pm. Pitches will cost £10 and must be booked in advance. Look out for the booking forms which will be distributed soon.

**Wine tasting** – The Bowdon Church School Business Network is holding a wine tasting at the Portland Wine Company, Hale on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March from 6.30 – 8.30pm. Tickets are £10 and numbers are limited. Please contact Rob Armstrong for tickets: email to [rtmarmstrong@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rtmarmstrong@yahoo.co.uk) or phone 07810 694 637.

**Lost Property** – Don't forget to check for lost property. It is all being cleared away at the end of term.

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March**  
**This is not an 'own clothes' day and school uniform**  
**must be worn**