

NEWSLETTER

POLLINGTON-BALNE CE PRIMARY

JANUARY 2012

SCHOOL POLICIES

All school policies are now available on the school website:

www.pollingtonbalneprimary.com

I would particularly like to draw your attention to the Attendance Policy, and Term Time Holiday Policy. We would like to maintain our outstanding attendance record, and it is in the best interests of your child to not miss school, and to arrive at school on time.

ALL children (including Class 1) arriving at school after 9:00 should enter school through the front door (other doors will be locked), where their arrival time will be recorded. Please note that habitually arriving late for school could result in the issuing of a penalty notice.

Please arrange an appointment if you would like to discuss any of the policies.



CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

I would like to welcome Mrs Dawn Lewis as our new Chair of Governors. Dawn has been a parent governor for two years, and has made a valuable contribution to the progress of the school as a whole, through her unfailing support, and regular challenge. The best interests of the children, their happiness, well-being, and best educational opportunities, are at the heart of Dawn's involvement with school, and I look forward to a successful future partnership!

I have been a parent governor for over three years now and have recently taken on the role as Chair. My eldest child is at Snaith High School and my youngest is in year four at Pollington.

My aim as chair is to maintain a good relationship with staff and with the help of the other governors challenge, support and contribute to the strategic leadership of our school to ensure learning standards remain high.

If anyone feels the need to speak to me in confidence about any matter relating to the school, as with Mrs Mc Neill, my door is always open.

Dawn Lewis

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRES

Thank you very much for taking the time to complete and return your questionnaires. Results will be published over the next week, and will also be available on the website.

Health Fayre

On Tuesday morning, 31st January, Y6 will be visiting The Snaith School to participate in a variety of health related activities, with children from other local schools. I'm sure they will learn a lot, and have a very enjoyable morning!

FORTHCOMING EVENTS UNTIL NEXT NEWSLETTER		
CLASS 1	CLASS 2	CLASS 3
		Monday 30th January Y6 Health Fayre 9:00-12:00 no action needed by parents
	Monday 30th January Class 2 Parents' Evening	
Thursday 2nd February Wat Pra Non Nong Day - wear something colourful, donations please!	Thursday 2nd February Wat Pra Non Nong Day - wear something colourful, donations please!	Thursday 2nd February Wat Pra Non Nong Day - wear something colourful, donations please!
		Friday 3rd February Class 3 Welcome Worship followed by refreshments - families welcome
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Class 2 Parents' Evening

I am sure you are all aware, by now, of Mrs Beattie's departure from school, and I am aware of the uncertainty this may have caused around provision for your child. I would therefore like to invite you to attend a meeting, at 6pm, on Monday 30th January, in order to clarify the situation in Class 2, and to answer any questions. I hope to see you there!

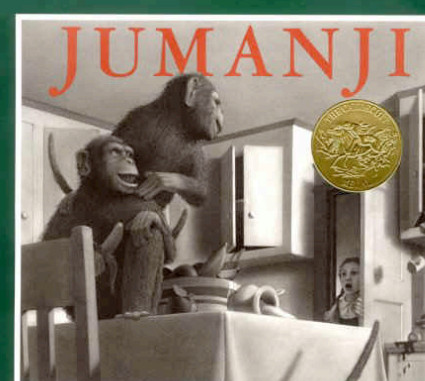
WAT PRA NON NONG DAY

WE WOULD LIKE TO INVITE THE CHILDREN TO PARTICIPATE IN ANOTHER NON-UNIFORM DAY ON THURSDAY 2ND FEBRUARY. MRS SMITH WILL TALK TO THE CHILDREN ABOUT OUR PARTNER SCHOOL IN CHIANGMAI, THAILAND, AND BY MAKING A CONTRIBUTION FOR WEARING SOMETHING COLOURFUL, WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO MAKE A DONATION TO THE SCHOOL.

THERE WILL BE A CLASS PRIZE FOR THOSE WHO ARE MOST BRIGHTLY COLOURED - LET'S SHOW OUR SUPPORT BY BECOMING A 'RAINBOW' OF CHILDREN ON THAT DAY!

Jumanji Day

To correspond with our World Wildlife week (6th February), we will be holding a 'Jumanji Day' on Thursday 9th February. The day will be based around the award winning picture book, and will involve the children being involved in a range of exciting, alternative curriculum activities.





Butterfly Ball

(previously Hope Ball™)

*Snaith Sports Hall and Community
Centre*

Saturday 10th March 2012

7:00 for 7:30

Cost: £25 per person

Dress Code: Black Tie

Meal, Live Band, Disco, Auction, and more...

*All funds raised will be dedicated to the
Warner Family and Sheffield Children's
Hospital*

ON SALE NOW

Please note that tickets are selling fast, and, as the ball will be advertised publicly next week, I would strongly recommend that you secure your place as soon as possible, if you haven't already done so.

Tickets will be issued this week, for those who have already made their purchase.

Tickets will only be on sale until 6th February to allow final numbers to be submitted.

We appreciate that not some of you may be unable to attend the ball, but would still like to support this worthy cause. Some have done this by making a small donation which is very much appreciated.

Thank you for helping us, help Lydia and her family!



FINAL APPEAL

We have already received a tremendous amount of support in the form of donations, volunteers of help, and financial contributions. We have been overwhelmed by everyone's generosity, as have the Warner family.

As the Ball draws nearer, we would like to make a final appeal for donations. Our 'appeal' letter is attached, and we would like to request that, if appropriate, this be passed on to your employer, or any other company you may be aware has not been approached. We appreciate that many local businesses have already made significant contributions, but we are aware that some parents work for larger companies that may be willing to help in some way. We thank you for this.

GIFTED AND TALENTED

What 'gifted and talented' means

'Gifted and talented' describes children and young people with an ability to develop to a level significantly ahead of their year group (or with the potential to develop those abilities):

- 'gifted' learners are those who have abilities in one or more academic subjects, like maths and English
- 'talented' learners are those who have practical skills in areas like sport, music, design or creative and performing arts

Skills like leadership, decision-making and organisation are also taken into account when identifying and providing for gifted and talented children.

We identify children based on evidence including test results, quality of work and the views of teachers and parents, and we maintain a register of gifted and talented children. Usually children will move on and off their school's register over time - as they develop at different rates to their peers.

We provide a range of activities throughout the year to ensure those children with specific abilities are challenged and stretched (many of these involve working with children from other local schools), and teachers ensure that lessons provide appropriate levels of 'stretch' to ensure that children do not underachieve.

If you believe your child to have a special ability or talent which we may not be aware of, please don't hesitate to bring it to our attention