

St. Andrew's VC Lower School
Newsletter October 2011



Aspire Believe Celebrate



Autumn Term Parents Evening

Parents are invited to make an appointment with teachers on Wednesday 19th October or Thursday 20th October. There are sign up sheets in classrooms. This is a good opportunity to find out about your child's progress over the last half-term, and we hope to see you all there.

(Apologies to Willow Class parents - your parents evening will after the half-term break when Mrs. Lanning returns - dates to be confirmed.)



Harvest Festival

The children will be celebrating Harvest time in a special assembly on Friday 21st October. As part of this assembly we will be thanking God for the Harvest, considering how fortunate we are and doing something to help others both near and far.

We are asking you to allow your child to bring in food items. These will be used to make our Harvest Display and will then be sent to Christian Family Care who help out local families in need. Please send in tins and packets (in date) anytime from 17th October and fresh fruit and vegetables from 20th October. We are also asking you to send in donations for the Bishop of St. Alban's Harvest Appeal – Restoring Lives. This project is about helping people in the Poipet region of Cambodia by training families to grow vegetables and raise animals. Just £10 is needed to train a family, £20 to provide a start up kit that includes hoes, watering cans and seeds, and £60 can set up a family to start their own pig breeding.

For more information go to:

www.harvestappeal.org

We are making a harvest appeal jigsaw picture, and when the children bring in a donation they can add a piece of the jigsaw to our picture. The children can bring in their donations of money from 17th October. Thank you for supporting these two activities and helping your children to understand what Harvest Festival is all about.



Please note that Friday 21st October is NOT a non-uniform day

Free School Meals

Parents who are receiving Income Support, Income Job Seeker's Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, the Guarantee element of state pension, credit support from the National Asylum Support Service, or Child Tax Credit (but not Working Tax Credit unless it is Working Tax Credit run-on only) with an annual income less than £16190, may be entitled to free school meals. Call 0300 300 8306. For other financial support call 0300 300 8119.

**Holmemead Middle School
Community Charity Concert
In aid of the Rotary Club of Biggleswade**

Wednesday 19th October 7.30 p.m.

Performances from children of Holmemead,
Edward Peake and Stratton and from the City of
Cambridge Brass Band.

Tickets available from Holmemead, Edward
Peake and Stratton.
£2.50 adult, free for children.



Diary Dates

12th Oct – The Choir performing at
St. Alban's Cathedral

19th & 20th Oct – Parents Evenings

21st Oct – Harvest Assembly for the
children.

3rd Nov – School Photo Day

8th Nov – Japanese Lunch

8th Nov – PTA Meeting

11th Nov – Fun Friday

14th Nov – Anti-Bullying Week

25th Nov – PTA Hot Dog & Movie Night

30th Nov – St. Andrew's Day Church
Service

6th Dec – Indian Lunch

6th Dec – afternoon and evening Yr 3

Christmas productions

7th Dec – afternoon and evening Yr 1

Christmas productions

8th Dec – afternoon and evening Yr 2

Christmas productions

9th and 12th Dec – afternoons Yr R

Christmas productions

13th Dec – Christmas Lunch

14th Dec – afternoon and evening Yr 4

Christmas productions

15th Dec – PTA Non-Uniform Day and

Christmas Parties

16th Dec – Last day of term

Films and Games

Are the films your children watch and
the games they play actually
appropriate for their age? Check on

www.pbbf.co.uk

Quick News and Reminders:

- We are collecting Morrisons Vouchers and Nestles Vouchers.
- Please remember to name all clothes, especially cardigans and sweatshirts.
- Please remember to phone / write to explain a child's absence so that it is not unauthorised.
- Please send in your annual indemnity form and annual update form if you have not already done so.
- The number for uniform is 08448 449945.
- Having your car serviced? If you use Mantles mention us and 5% will go to the school.
- For sale at the school office:
 - Book Bags £4
 - Water Bottles £1.50
 - Small PE bags £3
 - Large PE bags £3.50
 - Hats £3
 - PE T Shirts £3

Parent Governors

We have received three parent governor nominations for our three vacancies, so your five parent reps are:

Mary Smith, Becky Kerfoot, Ian Hanahoe, Carol Feeney and Brian McCusker.

PTA Officers for 2011-2012

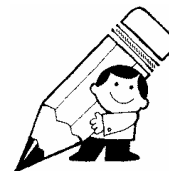
Chair: Hayley Down

Vice-Chair: Paul Cooke

Secretary: Sarah Lawton

Treasurer: Sue Waghorn

You should have received a PTA newsletter from them and had details about their new face book page so that you can track all their events and news.



School Council

Congratulations to our school council members recently chosen by their class mates to represent their views:

.Olivia Watkins, James Buckley, Becky Warriner, Charlie Wood, Sophia Miles, Matthew Simmons, Ellie McCormick, Beth Lawton, Megan Ebeling-Jones, Lucy McCusker, Katherine Dowrick, Lewis Williams and Faith Dochree