

# GATEWAY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Spring 2012

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The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. Habakkuk 2:14

### Primary News

I hope you all had a good start to the New Year 2012.

So much has happened already at school this year.

We welcome Myles and Calum, transferring from Nursery, to the Infant class. Mrs Gooding has completed the handover of her responsibilities to Mrs Warren and we are making headway in exploring how to best fill the gaps in the teaching provision which Mrs Gooding has provided so faithfully over the last two decades.

Our main topic this term is Water. We have had a very successful Ocean Project Week at school. This half term we will have a visit from the Zoolab team for the whole school (Nursery and Primary) to learn about rainforest animals. The Juniors are planning an outing to explore a Mercia Marina to help them with their English work on the Stanton Regeneration Project, in which they are writing recounts about the history of the ironworks and practise their persuasive writing to gain support for their ideas about how the site should be re-developed. Sounds exciting, doesn't it. The Infants are planning a visit to Bardill's Garden Centre to see all the lovely fish on display there.

In History the Juniors will soon move on from the Romans to the Greeks, including an exploration of the origins of the Olympic Games, while the Infants find out about the lives of Christopher Columbus, Mary Seacole, Grace Darling and Ellen McArthur.

*Corinna Walters (Head Teacher)*

# NURSERY NEWS

We would wish to extend a very warm welcome to the many, many new children and their parents who have joined the school family at Nursery. We look forward to getting to know them and having the adventure of living and learning together.

We are also very pleased to welcome Miss Hutt to the team. She is coming to help cover Miss Harrison's sick leave in the first Half Term and has ended up helping with the staffing of the increased numbers. Miss Harrison is glad that she was able to return home over the holidays and is consolidating her recovery.

We have enjoyed a week settling in and celebrating Epiphany, the search for the baby Jesus. We are now in the process of starting our Water topic. This half term we are going to base our explorations around the weather....it would be lovely if it snowed briefly this week....! After Half Term we will go out and about to visit ponds and streams, looking at 'staying safe around water', water creatures and rounding it up with our care for this vitally important resource.

The children have enjoyed starting to learn the 'Jolly Phonics' sound songs and some of the 'Write Dance' activities. This is to support our letters and sounds learning. Please ask for any information that you would like to help you understand what we are doing!

We are very grateful to all the Parents who have helped with the daily tasks of setting trays, washing up, light cleaning of the bathroom and those moments when an extra pair of hands is needed. If anyone finds themselves able to help please ask a member of the team.

## Term dates

Break up for Half Term: Friday, 10 February

Return to school: Wednesday, 22 February

Break up for Easter holiday: Wednesday, 28 March

# See and know

There are now around twenty families joining See and Know each Wednesday between 10am and 12pm. We have a very happy time with free play, songs and activities for the toddlers and good company and refreshments for the adults!

We will join the Gateway Christian School for their Easter Service on Wednesday 28th March at 9.30am at the church in Stanton-by-Dale.

## YENIFER

Just a reminder that we are sponsoring a child called Yenifer with the Toybox charity.

The idea is for each family to contribute £1 each month. We will have a prayer time in Assembly for Yenifer every first Monday each month when we will also collect the sponsorship pound.

As we did not have a collection in January, could you please, if possible, consider to give double what you would normally give.

## PANCAKE RACES

After a fun pancake race in teams of four in fancy dress we will meet in the Old School for coffee and pancakes.

All children from Primary and Nursery and *See and Know* with their families and friends are invited to join in the fun.

Saturday, 25th February, 2pm

Old School Christian Centre, Stanton-by-Dale

# DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wednesday, 1st February

**Zoolab**

Ash Wednesday, 22nd February

**Open Assembly**

9.15am

All Saints Church

Thursday, 23rd February

**Junior Outing to  
Mercia Marina and  
Stenson Belle**

Saturday, 25th February

**Pancake Races**

2.00pm

Old School, Stanton

Tuesday, 6th March

**Junior Science Outing**

Trent College

Wednesday, 28th March

**School Easter Service**

9.30am

Church, Stanton-by-Dale

# HAPPY EASTER