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### **ST JOHNS TIDE**

Mid-summer's day, June 24th the birthday of John the Baptist. We will soon stand at the centre point of the year, 6 months before Christmas. Prepare yourselves, shake yourselves down, wake up and focus, perhaps imagine that St John is about to arrive with his tongue of fire to cleanse. What we have built up over the year, with our actions and thoughts, which of course has its effect on everything around us, will now provide the basis of our reflection on the year passing away and the springboard into the next. So let us celebrate summer and change our thinking with our own inner, purifying, St Johns fire.

Peter Welburn

### **The Power of Commitment!**

"Until one is committed, there is hesitancy, the chance to draw back, always ineffectiveness. Concerning all acts of initiative (and creation), there is one elementary truth the ignorance of which kills countless ideas and splendid plans: that the moment one definitely commits oneself, then providence moves too. All sorts of things occur to help one that would never otherwise have occurred. A whole stream of events issues from the decision, raising in one's favour all manner of unforeseen incidents and meetings and material assistance, which no man could have dreamed would have come his way. Whatever you can do or dream you can, begin it. Boldness has genius, power and magic in it. Begin it now."

J.W von Goethe. Sent in by Valeska

**Dear Parents & Friends,** This year the Botton Choir and a group of musicians – including past pupils (and a past teacher!) – will give a concert in the evening on Tuesday, St Johns Day, 24 June. Dress rehearsal starts 3pm. Claire & Soleira warmly welcome you to this!

Gabriella

### **End of Term Festivals**

You're warmly invited to our final End of Term Festival of the school year. This will be a farewell to Class 7/8 and some of our families, as well as an opportunity to see plays performed by Classes 1/2 and 3/4. The orchestra of Class 5/6 and 7/8 will also perform. Please do come and sing our way into the summer holiday!

The school End of Term Festival starts 2pm on Thursday 10 July in the School Hall, and the End of Term Festival and Leaving Ceremony of the Kindergarten starts 11am on Friday 11 July.

Gabriella

### **Minutes from the last Co ordinators meeting**

1. Welcome to Diane Hammil to the Coordinators
2. Goodbye to children, teachers and families. We thought it would be appropriate if a teacher will say a brief farewell to anyone who is leaving the school community at the Final Assembly. After the assembly we will have refreshments. Each family could bring a cake, biscuits, etc to share.
3. Raffle prizes. Ideally more people should be involved in finding prizes. The more people are involved the more good prizes we will get!!! Diana said she would help next year.
4. Numbers of Coordinators. An ideal number would be 8. We are still looking for at least 3 to 4 more people.
5. Website, what about more photographs, examples of artwork etc.
6. Publicity and Advertising. There is a small budget available. Diana is kindly sharing out more leaflets to the local libraries. There was the idea to maybe have ongoing ads in certain newspapers about our school, leading up to an "open school day", where anyone could come during school hours and could have a look at the school and speak to some people.

7. Combined meeting with the teachers. We thought it might be helpful that once a term shortly after the coordinators meeting, we could meet with the teachers to go through some points directly.
8. Next meeting THURSDAY 04.09.08 at 10:45 in New Botton Farm.

### Guisborough Market Stall

A big thank you to all of you who baked cakes for the market stall on Saturday 14 June. They all looked beautiful. Whoever baked the gorgeous looking coffee & walnut cakes; I wanted you to know that we sold them before we'd even finished setting up!! The market was quieter than last year. Maybe the rain put people off, and there were very few young families. However the day went well, and made over £120. A heartfelt thank you to Katherine Shaw for committing to the whole day to help me, and to Fee for giving us an hour off so we could have a free lunch sampling the delights at the French market!! One thing we noticed was how popular the circular cakes, small cakes and scones were, but for some reason people didn't seem to be buying larger rectangular cakes. We tried selling them by the slice, offered to cut them in half and various other tricks, but were left with quite a few. These have been saved for Open Day. Just something to ponder over for next year!!!

Thanks to all. Julie Easley

### Meeting times

I am currently conducting a survey asking parents their personal preferred time for meetings. If I have not contacted you yet, don't worry, I will. So far I have about 5 different times. I suspect there is probably only one solution: for parents who cannot attend a meeting (be it afternoon or evening) could we maybe offer our a) support b) understanding c) non-judgement

Julie Easley

### Summer Fayre (Open Day).

The time is flying and it is only 2 weeks until the Summer Fayre (Open Day). There is still time to bake very tasty cakes and create a wonderful stall for Home Produce. This year only the school will have a Home Produce Stall, let's make it big and bountiful!

Here is our new rota after some changes and cancellations. If you are not clear on your place or time, please speak with the underlined persons!

Village Green	
Burgers	<u>Anthea &amp; Nigel Stock</u> Julie & Stefan Tyrka David & Nessie Williamson
Face painting & bracelets	Jeanette Grainger & Julie Easley
Raffle & school info	Marie-Reine Adams Yoko Toyota Hellena Barnett
School	
Café	<u>Stacey Darrell &amp; Shlomit Lowe</u> Diane Hammill Liz Burnham Catherine van Dam Kari White & some 7/8 children
Second-hand books & school info	<u>Peter Ramsbotham</u> Mary Dyer Michael Drake Joanne & Nicholas John
Children's activities (fishing, drumming)	<u>Michael Cordel</u> Mick & Fiona Fearnley Andy Hammill Geetha & Sagara Karunathilaka
Tombola & Home Produce (THE ONLY!)	<u>Louise Richardson &amp; Katherine Shaw</u> Lisa Dixon Aija Rancane Katerina Nemcova
Candle Dipping	<u>Mark Ellis &amp; Carolyn Jarvis</u> Antonia McArdle Rebecca & Marc Gross Ian van Gent Suzanna & Milo Thelwall

Everybody will need to stay to help everybody else to clear up EVERYTHING – then it will not take so long! We will be very glad to welcome additional people to the final sweep around following the clearing up.

Thank you for your time and help!

Gabriella

## Letter Inserting

Thank you to everyone who took part in the very speedy letter inserting day earlier in June. Also, a big Thank You to the Grimshaws and all those class 7/8 parents who are leaving the school this summer for all their sterling work over the years. You can breath a sigh of disappointment when you realise you are not on the following rota for September. For the rest of us .... please do put the following dates in your diary now as the next session is pretty soon after term starts. Any problems with the rota - please organize swaps now so that we are raring to go when the new school year starts.

Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	
9-12	<u>Easley</u> , Karunathilaka, Grainger
1.30 -4pm	Mary & class 6/7
7pm-10pm	<u>Welburn</u> , Noonan, Hammill
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	
9-12	<u>Toyota</u> , Rancane, Ramsbotham
2-5pm	<u>Corfield</u> , Burnham, Williamson
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	
9-12	<u>Stock</u> , John, Nemcova

Would underlined families please remind the rest of their team a few days in advance.

Many thanks, Stacey Darrell

## CALENDAR

**Coordinators' Meeting:** Next meeting THURSDAY 04.09.08 at 10:45 in New Botton Farm

**Class trips:** Class 5/6 – Michael Hall Olympics, 25 – 28 June

**Craft Group:** Thursdays 8.45 Botton Farm

**Eurythmy Classes:** Thursdays 8.45 School Hall

**Anthroposophical group:**

**Eskdale Trust:** Tuesdays 20.00: 7 October, 4 November, 2 December, 24 March, 19 May, 16 June

**Parents' Meetings**

**Village Summer Fayre:** 6 July

**End of Term Festivals:** School – 10 July;  
Kindergarten: 11 July

**PTF Development Meeting:** *for the whole school community* Tuesday 16 September, 20.00

**AutumnTerm 2008**

Wed 3 Sep to Fri 19 Dec

Holiday: 27 – 31 Oct

**SpringTerm 2009**

Mon 12 Jan to Fri 3 April

Holiday: 16 – 20 Feb

**Summer Term 2009**

Mon 27 April to Fri 10 July

Holiday: 25 – 29 May

May Day 4 May

**Next Copy date: 4<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

Please send handwritten articles to Marie-Reine Adams or to the school, and you can also email articles from the website or from the address at the top of the Courier.

Lee and Marie-Reine