

Botton Village School

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From the coordinators meeting 17.9.07

1. Advent Fayre

The Fayre will be on 9 December. There is a group: Fee, Julie, Carolyn & Valeska. Thanks to Carol for her brilliant notes about it. There are some new ideas; they need developing.

2. Safari Lunch & Fundraising

Class 5/6 parents are organising the Safari Lunch. We looked at further fundraising events. We came up with a rough idea for the coming year.

- Advent Fayre in December
- Farmers Market in Guisborough maybe March/April
- Lunch offer to Botton maybe March/April
- Open Day in July
- Paper inserting throughout the year

Other ideas:

- Relaxation day at school
- Christmas Play in Saltburn with juice & mince pies
- Fun Sports Day

3. Paper inserting

It is such an important fundraiser. We need to establish to remind people. Underlined name should call the rest of the group.

4. New families

Welcome to Rebecca & Marc Gross.

Safari Lunch

On 14 October we will have our second Safari Lunch. Class 5/6 parents are organising the event. By now you should have all received a note and some flyers.

It was a great success last year and people appreciated it very much. Let's hope it will be the same this year.

Valeska

Craft Group

Yes! You have read correctly! Craft groups have started again on Thursdays, 8.45am in New Botton Farm. Jane Robinson joins us at 10.45 and brings all her expertise and

enthusiasm. We had already one great session and hope for more people to join. Our aim is to create lots of gnomes, fairies, mushrooms, simple items for the season-table. All things will be sold at the Advent Fayre.

See you next Thursday!

Julie, Valeska & Jane

THANK YOU!

We won the Sunday dinner at the Cleveland Tortine with our 'open' day raffle tickets. We didn't know what to expect - but were really impressed by the building, the service...and the food!

Carolyn & Mark

A Great Night of Food and Music

"Festival on the Moor" visited Botton School on September 5th. A memorable night with excellent food prepared by Jeanette and Richard Grainger and a busy band of helpers. Gordon Tyrral was the last minute replacement for Claude Bourbon who had to cancel because of ill health. Gordon performed many items from English folk songs and instrumentals to Beatles standards, displaying his virtuosity on the guitar.

The audience was made up of Botton residents and festival goers. It was a success and we may see a repeat in the future. Watch this space.

"Festival on the Moor" is an annual event which takes music all over the North York Moors Area. This year concerts and events took place in various venues, including Farndale, Hutton le Hole, Kirkbymoorside, Northallerton, Danby, Comondale, Glasdale and Botton.

The festival was ably assisted by the latest team member, Abram Welburn, who helped the whole week with logistical arrangements from day to day during the event. He will be a part of the new 'Shoots and Roots' Project aimed at encouraging young folk to learn more of their moorland heritage through song, dance, customs and traditions. Any young people interested in taking part in the project can contact the festival on 01287 660200.

Richard Grainger

Would anyone like to fundraise at the Michael Hall Christmas Fair, 24th November, 11.00 - 16.00?

Indoor stalls (which have to be booked before 20th October) are available to sister Steiner schools at a rent of £55 per stall.

Michael

Consultation Process - why not try to influence the "Children's Plan" so that it really reflects the needs of children and families?

This is just to let you know that the Department for Children, Schools and Families (DCSF) has launched a National Consultation in the form of a questionnaire (Time to Talk). The aim of the questionnaire is to produce a "Children's Plan" which will set out how to achieve objectives for children, young people and families in the future. The results of the Consultation will be published early December. Many of you will have seen the leaflets in supermarkets and libraries but you can also complete the Consultation on-line.

We would like to ask for your help in making your parents/teachers/friends aware of this of questionnaire and to encourage them to contact the Government in this regard. The more of our parents/teachers/friends to answer the questions, the more positive the outcome could be for all children in the future.

Parents/teachers/friends can simply take the following link:

www.dfes.gov.uk/timetotalk/

The consultation closes on 19th October.

With all good wishes,

Lara Cousins

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Botton Village School Website!

Please check out the Botton Village School website and let me know what you think. You can send an email to me directly from the website. What you will see there right now is a first draft. Let me know what you would like to see.

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Lee Noonan

Contact List and 'Who's Who'

Please find, accompanying this edition of the Courier, the School Contact List for this year and the 'Who's Who' Appendix for the Parents' Handbook. Apologies if there are any errors. Please note that Fee Van Gent is not expecting to move to the new address listed until next week.

Michael

Term Dates for Next Year 0809

The College of Teachers has agreed the calendar for next year, 2008/2009, which will be taken to the Eskdale Trust Council meeting on 16 October for formal ratification. It is basically the same pattern as this year, except that the Christmas holiday is Monday to Friday, there will be no school in Holy Week and Easter is a little later. Because of where 1 July falls, although structurally there won't be an earlier finish, I believe that school will end a week after the Village Open Day.

Michael

Autumn Term 2008

Wed 3 Sep to Fri 19 Dec

Holiday: 27 - 31 Oct

Spring Term 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

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Calendar

Coordinators Meeting

New Botton Farm: Monday 29 October 9:15

Craft Group: Thursdays 8.45 New Botton Farm

Eurythmy Classes: Thursdays 8.45 School Hall

Anthroposophical group: Oct.5th, Nov.2nd, Dec.7th, Jan.18th, Feb.15th, Feb.29th, Apr.25th, May 9th, June 6th.

Eskdale Trust Council: Tuesdays at 20.00:
16 Oct, 27 Nov, 26 Feb, 15 April, 20 May, 17 June.

Letter inserting: November 22nd 23rd 24th 26th 27th

Parents' Meetings

Tues 2 Oct 20.00	Class 3/4
Wed 3 Oct 14.00	Class 1/2
Tues 9 Oct 19.30	Kindergarten
Tues 6 Nov 20.00	Class 5/6
Tues 20 Nov 20.00	Class 7/8

Events

Sun 14 Oct Safari Lunch
Thur 18 Oct Harvest Meal for the children
Sun 18 Nov Village Autumn Sale
Sun 2 Dec Advent Garden
Sun 9 Dec School Advent Fayre

Thank you again to Catherine Hollis who types all the hand written articles...

Please send them in good times...

Next Copy date: 11th October 2007

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

Lee and Marie-Reine

Rota for Blitz Clean 2007/2008			
	Class	Date	Class Contact
October	3-4	27.10.07	Julie Easeley
Christmas	1-2	5.1.08	Carol Burnham
February	7-8	16.2.08	Stacey Darrel
Easter	5-6	12.4.08	Carolyn Jarvis
June/Whitsun	3-4	31.5.08	Julie Easeley