

Walton Priory Middle School

Easter Newsletter 2010

Raising money for the Haiti appeal...

When disaster struck Haiti in the form of an appalling earthquake pupils here at Walton Priory sprang into action to raise as much money as possible to help the survivors. Every type of scheme was put into action to raise money including sponsored silences, sponsored runs and stalls at lunch time selling home-made cards, book marks etc. Also on offer were home-made cakes and, for the more energetic, the chance to take part in a penalty shoot-out.

The Stone Rotary Club brought into school a Shelter Box to show the children. This box is one of thousands packed with equipment including tent, tools and sleeping bags for up to ten people and are taken to disaster areas



around the world.

We are pleased to announce that the total raised was £1280.21.

Well done to everyone involved and thank you to all those who donated.

FOR THE SAFETY OF THE CHILDREN

Please do not park on double yellow lines or at the bus stop at the top gate. We would greatly appreciate it if you did not turn in the gate way or drive down to the school premises to drop children off for school in the mornings. This is to help keep our pupils as safe as possible and we thank you for your consideration in this matter.



The P.E. department is desperately in need of kit donation for our spare kit box.

In particular we need: black/navy shorts

White toweling socks

Black sports socks

If your child has outgrown any of their kit we would greatly appreciate it if he/she could bring it into the P.E. department. Stamps on their record cards will be given to all children donating.



Thank you very much.

Year 6 Victorian Day

Year 6 will be experiencing a day in the life of a Victorian school child here at Walton Priory. On **Tuesday 30th March** pupils will be asked to dress up as Victorian children and be taught 19th century style. Their class teachers will also be in costume and the day will give the children an excellent insight into how their ancestors were educated.



If you have any unwanted LEGO and would like to give it a good home, Miss Lucas and her teaching assistants would be very grateful to take it off your hands.

If you have any, whatever the amount, please drop it off here at school.

Thank you very much.



On Friday 12th March our Year 8 pupils had a trip to Alleyne's High School for taster sessions in Spanish and French. The children were accompanied by Mr Kadri our French teacher.

Walton Priory Link with America

Year 8 pupils have been writing letters to pupils at Robert Lazare Middle School in Montville, New Jersey, USA.

This international link has given pupils on both sides of the Atlantic the opportunity to find out about each others different lifestyles. Pupils in grade 7 at Robert Lazare are currently learning about Europe and are using our pupils to help them with their learning.

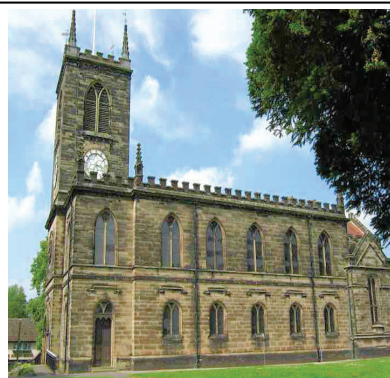
We hope to be contacting them more regularly via e-mail.

School Meal Price Increase

The past twelve months have seen ongoing improvements in quality and value for money in school meals. We appreciate that price rises are rarely popular but are necessary in continuing to deliver a healthy meal to your child. As from Thursday 15th April 2010 the price of a school meal has now risen to £2.10. We are sure that parents will recognise the value of a healthy, well balanced diet which school meals provide.

On Tuesday 23rd March 2010 Year 5 pupils visited St Michaels Church in Stone for an Easter Service.

The children had a wonderful morning which gave them the chance to explore the church and learn lots of interesting facts.



Sri Lankan Friends

We continue to work alongside our link school in Tharaperiya K.V. This term we have established e-mail links allowing our pupils to communicate with their Sri Lankan peers. The money previously raised by the children to support the school continues to help them to enhance the educational experiences for the children and they are currently planning their 'trip around the Island'. We received a recent e-mail with the following message:

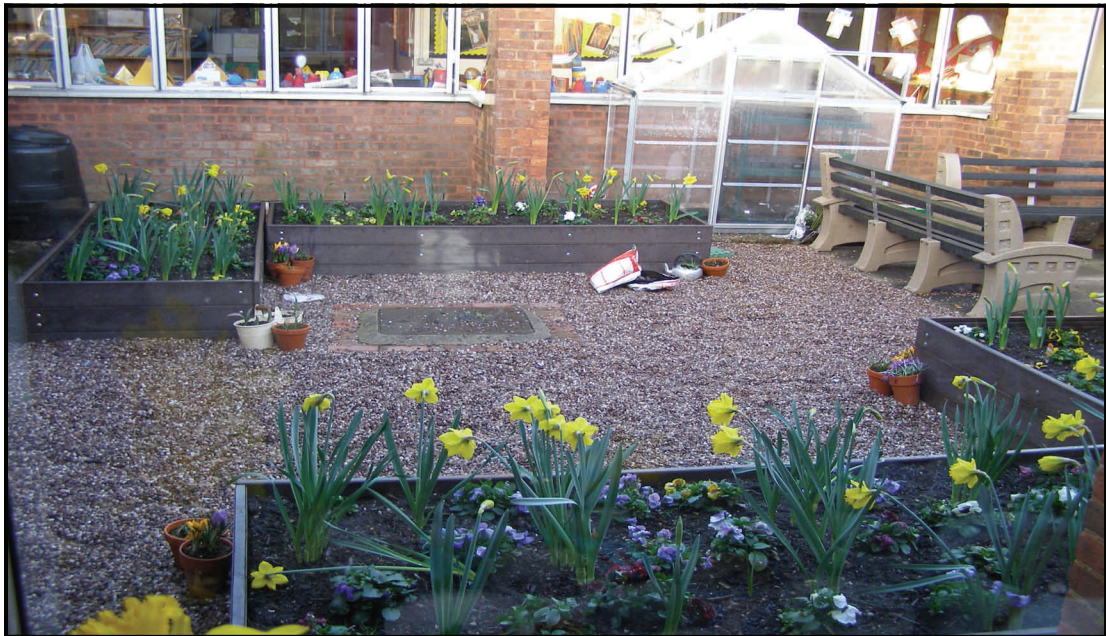
"This time we are free to travel all around Sri Lanka because the war is over. We are visiting the north part of Sri Lanka. After the trip, we hope to send you some pictures of the places. Now we are getting ready to go. We are collecting fire-wood and various pots and pans." **from one of the class teachers.**

At the bottom gate of the school premises we have now had installed a new lockable gate.

With immediate effect this gate will be locked at 9.15 a.m and opened again at 3.30 p.m every day.

Now that spring is finally here Gardening Club has started for our Year 5's and Year 6's. If there are any parents or grandparents who wish to help please contact Mr James or Mrs Coupe.

Thank you.



Spring day at Walton Priory



News from the P.S.A.

1. The sale of gifts for 'Mothering Sunday' proved to be a great success with the children. Particular thanks must be given to one of our Year 5 parents who spent many hours purchasing the gifts and wrapping them with great care so that the children could give their mum a gift which looked so very attractive.
2. We will shortly be holding our annual Easter Egg Raffle to raise money for the benefit of our children in school and are looking for donations to give as prizes. All eggs no matter how big or small would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to help us please make your donation to the 'Easter Eggs Collection Point' which is located in the reception office. Donations of Easter Eggs will be greatly appreciated from now until the end of term. Many thanks. The children all enjoy taking part in this worthwhile fundraiser and it brings a lovely end to the term but we really do need lots of help to make it a success. Remember, the greater the number of eggs we receive, the more lucky winners there will be. Tickets will be on sale in the school library each lunchtime from Monday 22nd March and will cost 50p per strip. The draw will take place during the Easter assembly.

1. Forthcoming event

A Spring Fair will be held in school on Sunday 23rd May from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. We hope there will be a variety of stalls giving all parents and children the opportunity to help raise funds for the benefit of all pupils. If you are able to help in this way or able to come along on the day, all will be most welcome.

If you know of individuals/businesses who may be able to help by donating items for raffle prizes please contact a member of the P.S.A. committee or get in touch with Mrs Kelly or Mrs Turner in school.

Further details will be sent out nearer the date.

2. Parents are always welcome to come along to the P.S.A. meetings which are held in school on a regular basis. We appreciate that parents are often very busy people but you may wish to come along to our next meeting which will be held on Tuesday 20th April at 7.30 p.m.
The main item for discussion will be planning for the Spring Fair.

Happy Easter