

May 22nd 2009 School Newsletter



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Dates

- ◆ 25 - 29/5/09 - Half term
- ◆ 5/6/09 - Class photographs
- ◆ 4/7/09 - PTA Summer Fair.
- ◆ 10/7/09 - Reports sent home
- ◆ 10/7/09 - PTA Disco

PTA News

The PTA quiz was a tremendous success and great fun was had by all. I would like to thank Dan Jenkins for being the quiz master and the PTA for organizing the event.

Disco Tickets

Disco tickets will be on sale after half term in the playground.

Summer Fair Draw Tickets

You should have received some draw tickets to sell. It is £1 a strip and if you would like some more please contact the school office.

Half Term

I hope you all have a lovely half term holiday next week and we will look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Monday 1st June.**

New Appointment

On Wednesday this week we held interviews to appoint Liz Shinn's successor. As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, this was an important post as the new person would be part of the school's senior management team and lead maths across the school. I am pleased to say that we had an extremely strong field of candidates, any one of which could have fulfilled the role in the school. Therefore it was a great achievement for Mr. Eddie Brown to be the successful candidate. Mr Brown will join the school in September.

School Organisation

I have been approached by a couple of parents asking which teachers their children will be having next year. It is still a bit early to give this information as there can be staff changes at any time. Mrs Bessant will be returning for three days a week after her maternity leave. Mrs Ridge will also be on maternity leave in September. Adverts have been placed in the Devon bulletin for two temporary teachers, one part time to work with Mrs Bessant, the other to cover Mrs Ridge. The interviews are to be held during the week beginning 22nd June. It is my intention to send home in the reports, on the 10th July, the class teachers for next year. There will be a 'moving on day' before the end of term so that children get to meet and work with their new teachers. Thank you for your patience with this.

Congratulations

We say congratulations to Grace Shabytah who has secured a permanent teaching job at St Michael's School in Exeter. I am really pleased for Miss Shabytah as she deserves this opportunity. She has been a great asset to St. Thomas over the last two years and I know she we will be greatly missed.

Year 1 Multi-skills

Many of the Year 1 children have enjoyed staying after school on Tuesdays to do Multi-skills activity in the school hall. The children have had fun learning physical skills, such as throwing and catching, and then use these skills in fun activities or games.

