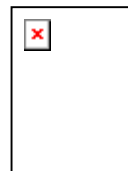


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St Dominic School News

There are lots of changes in the new academic year (starts 3 Sept). Class 2 teacher, Anna Winfindale, who has been with us for the entire 6 years of her teaching career, has found guaranteed sunshine with a new job at a Catholic School in the Grand Cayman Islands. She has been an outstanding and inspirational teacher, and her recent work on the "Creative Partnerships" project with St Mellion School has earned national recognition from the Qualifications and Curriculum Authority. So we are pleased to welcome her replacement Mrs Lesley Selman - who is already known to the children through her supply work here.

Our Head Teacher, for the autumn term only, will be Mrs Debbie Tregellas, the head of Braddock School. She was at the school at the end of the summer term working with staff and governors ensuring a "seamless transition". However, from January 2010, St Dominic will be forming a "Federation" with St Mellion C. Of E. School, and consequently Mrs Angela Palin (Head of St Mellion) will be our new permanent Head Teacher.

Each school will maintain its own separate identity, budget, staff, governing body, uniform, etc. We had a taste of this when Mrs Palin was our Executive Head during Mrs Biddle's absence in 2008, and both schools already work together in many ways – teachers sharing expertise, children working on joint projects, staff training etc.

Governors from both schools feel that we have much to gain from this – sharing resources and specialist teachers, staff having more opportunities, financial benefits and pupils being able to work together. Small primary schools are finding it increasingly difficult to recruit Heads because of the work-load associated with having a teaching commitment and a leadership role – some Cornish schools have been searching for a Head for 2 years. By sharing a non-teaching Head in this way and offering greater career satisfaction, a Headship becomes a more attractive and viable proposition. Also, as recent funding changes mean that "Small Schools" grants are being reduced, a Federation may help to secure the futures of schools such as ours. Mrs Palin was recently chosen as South West Primary Head of the Year and has been put forward for the National award – so we are very lucky to have secured her services.

Our 2009 SATS results were excellent – 100% in English and Science, and 85% in Maths. Well done to all the pupils in Class 3, and class teacher Mrs Childs-Garner – a wonderful end to Year 6's Primary School years!

St Dominic Slimming Club

Some people think we should change our name to the Happy Club. Although we are only ten strong, now, we meet each Thursday in the Methodist Sunday School room and have a weigh-in. If we put on a pound we have to pay 20p for each one. This goes into a box for the National Children's Home which I can tell you gets very full! Our subs etc all go into a kitty for any charity we are going to support, and over the years we have supported more than twenty different ones. Between the years 2000-2008 we have donated £9,665.00 and now (2009) we have just presented £700.00 to the Cardiology Department at Derriford. We enjoy our pasty suppers and raise all this money for charity with our many friends in the Parish.. So laugh at us if you like but we will carry on fund raising.

St. Dominick Neighbourhood Watch

Over the last 12 months, there was a total of 19 crime reports to the police for our village. Since June 2008 there were reported: 3 thefts, 1 criminal damage, 12 domestics, 1 assault, 1 arson and 1 dangerous dog. This is rated by the police as very low figures, but please do not become complacent. With the summer upon us and hopefully some more warm weather, remember when leaving your premises unattended to make sure you close and secure all windows and doors; most thieves are opportunist, so do not encourage them into your home. The temporary travellers' encampment near the roundabout that many of you were so worried about (thankfully) appears to have been successfully moved on at the time of editing this newsletter.

St Dominic Autumn Show

The show this year will be on Saturday 12th September in the Parish Hall. There are the usual classes. Flowers, pot plants, floral arrangements, fruit and vegetables, cookery, handicrafts, art and photography. Each year we seem to get between sixty and seventy people who enter, some just about every class, others just one item. It doesn't matter which you do, but we would like you all to enter something.

The schedules are in the post office (or www.stdompo.co.uk/flowershow), if you have any queries just ring one of the committee. If you really are unable to enter anything please come along in the afternoon to see what other people have done. Coffee, tea and cake will be served as usual – there will also be a raffle.

St Dominic Line Dancers

We are a fun group made up of all sorts of abilities who come from as far afield as Pillaton, Tavistock, Merrymeet, Cox Park, Harrowbarrow as well as St Dominic. Our 20p coffee/tea money goes to a "good cause" when we have amassed a sensible sum, which takes quite a long time 'cos only a few partake of our beverages.

STOP PRESS.....

Absolute Beginner Linedance class starts at St Dominic Parish Hall on Tuesday 1st September from 6-7.30. This session will start before our already established class, which has been successfully running here. It is an enjoyable way to exercise, and socialise – so come along and have a go.

Park Road Residents

I don't know if it's a sign of the times, but the seagulls are having to raid the bin bags for food. One has been spotted in the Park Road area ripping a bag of rubbish early in the morning which had been put out for the bin men the previous evening.

Until the credit crunch is over perhaps it would be better to not put the bags out until the morning of collection.

Tuesday Club 7th July

Eunice took the chair as Bernard was on holiday. She told us that a long-standing member, Reg Hawkins, had died. We took some moments of silent reflection to remember him. Eunice then told us there are still seats left for 'Alladdin' at the Theatre Royal on Wednesday January 6th. This is a matinee and any pensioners in the village are very welcome. If you would like tickets please ring Eunice 01579 351491. Another service for pensioners or the housebound is provided for people who need an eye test. This is free please ring 0800 854 477.

The raffle was won by Christine Jones.

Our speaker, Kevin Grant, gave us an interesting talk entitled 'My Life as a Monk'. Kevin is well known to many as a member of the Liskerret Choir. He is the Eucharistic Minister, at the Catholic Church in Callington. He is also a postman working from 5.00 am-12.30 pm. He also assists with funerals at a funeral directors. He started his career at catering school where he became a qualified hotel manager. He then joined the navy for several years, afterwards becoming hotel manager of the Lord Eliot and the Cawsand Hotels. Whilst in Liskeard the priest at his church became ill and the man who replaced him was a Redemptionist monk. He so impressed Kevin that he decided to join the order, which was founded by St. Alphonsus in Italy. The order particularly looks after poor and unfortunate people in the community. Kevin became a novice at a monastery in Plymouth where he undertook vigorous training. After eighteen months he took his final vows. He then went to Canterbury to a monastery of the order to train as a priest. Whilst there he attended services in the cathedral. The choir master heard his voice and invited him to join the choir. He was allowed to do this with dispensation from his abbot. He then spent some time in Scotland, where his training as a chef came in useful as there were up to a hundred and sixty people staying in the monastery near Perth. Back south then to Clapham, where he worked in a hospice and helped people down on their luck. He was then sent to St. Austell as an assistant priest. It was there that he decided not to complete his training and left the monastery. He still keeps his vows of celibacy, but prefers to work with a wider range of people. Asked what his plans for the future are, he replied that he always followed a calling, to do whatever may come next in his life. After this truly inspirational talk it was decided to give him a contribution to one of his charities. 'Help the Heroes'. We all had an enjoyable time looking at his many photographs and chatting to him, as we had our tea and biscuits.

Please remember that new members are always welcome. We meet in the hall on the first Tuesday in the month at 2.30 pm.




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 - ✓ Excellent 2009 SATs results
 - ✓ Special provision for 4 year olds
- ✓ An exciting range of extra-curricular activities

"St Dominic is a happy school and pupils feel very safe & well cared for - they say that they really enjoy school & the many additional activities that the school provides."

(OFSTED Report - November 2008)

Visit our website (www.st-dominic.cornwall.sch.uk) for further information or call the school to arrange a visit.

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St Dominick WI report for July and August

Take a small dish (such as a small supermarket veg tray), some wet oasis foam, 6 Phormium leaves or similar strap-type leaves), some flat moss or sisal and a small bunch of 'supermarket' roses, and what do you have? Well, at our WI meeting each of us had a wonderful time turning these items into a very attractive modern flower arrangement. First Maggie Murray demonstrated how quickly and easily she could transform a range of simple plant material into a number of stunning modern arrangements. The effect she achieved by splitting phormium leaves and looping or twisting them was amazing. Then it was our turn. As Maggie had shown us, we wrapped the outside of our container with phormium-covered sticky tape, then went on to put her teaching into practice with her encouraging and helping as we did so. The result – a wide and wonderful range of varied arrangements to delight us all. August saw us, along with husbands partners and friends, enjoying a very interesting and stimulating visit to the Bodmin Materials Recycling Centre and Re-SOURCE where we learnt what happens to all the stuff we put out for re-cycling and at the Re-SOURCE centre how good-as-new items are made fit for sale at reduced prices for those in need. September 9th is our Harvest Auction for Ellies Haven and we will have Ellies father with us to tell us of their achievements, tribulations and future plans. Come along with friends, produce and purses to support this worthwhile Cornish-based cause.

Wettest month since records began!

You probably thought it was wet in July. You were right with 271mm of rain falling in that single month – and that is a record.

That made it the wettest month since (Nick's) records began three years ago – wetter even than any of the winter months.

Cumulatively to the end of July with 833mm of rain, this is now above last year (823mm) but is a lot lower than the 967mm for the same period in 2007.

Funnily enough, both 2007 and 2008 ended the year with a total of 1467mm – so we are still due a lot more rain!!

Advertising Costs: ½ page £10.00, ¼ page £5.00, those falling between the previous two sizes £7.50, ⅛ page £2.50, Line advert (max 25 words) £1.00. One-off events in the Parish that are of interest to the community – usually free. Cheques payable to St Dominick Parish Council

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Thank you...

for moving the bees to Peter from Harrowbarrow. He sorted out the swarm of bees that took residence beside the gate to the allotments by our school. It was a time-consuming process and fascinating to watch.

We hope the bees are happily settled in their new hive!

and thanks to everyone for bringing in lots of Sainsbury and Tesco school vouchers which will go towards numerous items of school sporting equipment, ICT software, Science and English teaching resources and much, much more!

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St Dominic Gymkhana

Thank you to everyone who attended, competed or helped in any way to make our 40th show such a special day. Also thank you as always to the Poad family for the use of the field.

We have provisionally made a profit of £800 and while some of this will cover last year's losses, we hope to donate £600 to the "Riding for the Disabled" and other local charities.