

St Mary's Church of England Primary School Newsletter No. 4 1st October 2015



Dear Parents, Guardians and Parishioners

Welcome to our fourth newsletter.

Congratulations to our very first VIPs who we will be celebrating on Friday morning. The children have been proudly wearing their VIP polo tops throughout the week!



Macmillan Coffee Morning:

Thank you to everyone who was able to support the coffee morning held last week. It was a very successful event which raised £249. Thank you once again for the generous support in donating raffle prizes, making and buying cakes as well as enjoying a lovely time together for a very special cause.

End of day arrangements

I have been very impressed with the after school club and breakfast club provision in school. The staff work so hard to care for the children at this time! We obviously also have a large range of clubs and also help to manage the children who are transported by bus at the end of the day. You can imagine this proves to be a very carefully managed process to ensure all children get to the correct place. Over the past few weeks I have become aware of the significant challenge this becomes for the school office if parents have forgotten to tell staff of any changes to the routines. For all families, I am very aware that mornings can be a bit of a whirlwind, however could I please ask you to make it clear with the school office, if your child is not attending after school club or if any arrangements change. This saves a lot of unnecessary phone calls. Many thanks.

Sickness and diarrhoea

One or two children have been experiencing 24 hours of sickness, whilst this has not been widespread I thought it worth clarifying what to do if this happens. Could I please ask you to keep children off for 48 hours after sickness or diarrhoea. This allows for both recovery and ensures spreading any bugs are minimised.

PARENTS MEETINGS

Forms will be coming home today to confirm appointment times.

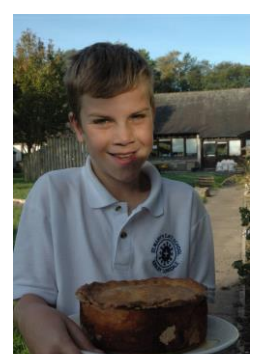
Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating harvest at our annual Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church on Thursday 8th October at 9:00am. This will be a very special time to encourage the children to give thanks for the things we have and also to then consider those who have less. With this in mind we will be supporting a charity called Mary's Meals. This is a British charity which works in various countries to ensure children receive a meal once a day, at a school. *These life-changing meals attract hungry children into the classroom. The food fills their empty bellies so they have the energy and opportunity to learn, giving them the chance of a brighter future. The meals also support families struggling to feed their children while boosting the country's wider economy.* (A quote from their website). We are asking the children to discuss this with adults at home and together bring in coins, pennies and donations towards the charity. We will not be collecting food items this year.



Home Project Day

I have been very impressed with the wonderful home projects that have been brought in this week. I have been especially impressed with the way children have shared and discussed their projects. Thank you so much for the creativity, energy and at times cost, which has gone into preparing the projects. Importantly I hope you had fun as a family, which is one of the key parts of the activity. I have out a selection of photos below as a flavour of our very special day today.



Well done to everyone who has put so much effort into their learning!

Thank you for your hard work!



Trip Payments

Several of our classes have exciting trips and events to look forward to in the coming weeks. As you can imagine this means lots of payments and permission slips coming into the office. Please ensure that **all** payments are sent in in sealed envelopes, clearly marked with your child's full name, year group and the trip or event name: loose cash and cheques can and do get lost between home and the school office!

Newsletters

We are delighted with the feedback from you regarding the emailed newsletter we sent last week. It has been very successful and we now feel we can stop sending home the paper copies each Thursday. With this in mind this newsletter will be the last one sent out in paper format. You will receive your email copy every Thursday and, of course, it will be on the school website if you do need to check any details. If you have any problems in receiving the email please contact the school office.

Lost Property

We will be emptying our lost property and donating all items to charity next week. If you need to check the lost property cupboard please do so before the items are taken away.



Flabbergast to be surprised or astounded.

I challenge everyone to try to weave this word into their conversation, everyday this week!

Reminders for next week:

Monday 5th Oct, EYFS – Circus, Year 4 Chocolate visit and Parents Evening

Tuesday 6th Oct, Indian Dance Event

Wednesday 7th Oct, Parents Evening

Thursday 8th Oct, Harvest (am) and Cross Country – Casterton (pm)

Have a lovely weekend.

Mr Jones