

# COLLATON ST MARY C OF E (AIDED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## MISSION STATEMENT

We are challenged to...

- See God in everyone
- Experience the Christian way of life together
- Be the best learners we can be

## NEWSLETTER 2 School Year 2008/2009



### BRITISH FOOD FORTNIGHT: 22<sup>nd</sup> September - 3<sup>rd</sup> October

This week saw the beginning of British Food Fortnight which we are supporting in order to enhance our children's awareness of the cultural origins of foods. All week our school kitchen is offering traditional British dishes at lunchtime and the Breakfast and After School Clubs are providing traditional breakfasts and snacks. Our kitchen manager, Sam Ward, has organised for the head chef of the Toorak Hotel to help the Year 5 and 6 children, who have not gone to Osmington Bay, to create fresh fruit Knickerbocker Glories which originated in the 1930s and was a firm favourite for a number of years. All fruits were kindly donated by Manns, the fruit and vegetable wholesaler. As well as this, during the week, those children will be making bread using traditional British recipes with Mrs Wigfall, one of the school's governors.



On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October we welcome Mary Fallon from Christian Aid who will talk to the school about the work of Christian Aid and its focus upon the potato.



### HARVEST CELEBRATION : WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2.30pm

Our Harvest worship will take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October led by Rev. Treby. This year the school will be focusing upon the potato harvest in support of Christian Aid's 'Year of the Potato' and its promotion of the cultivation of potatoes to feed the world. We will be having a collection in aid of the Christian Aid project which the children will have the opportunity to offer during worship. In further support of the 'Year of the Potato' each class will be planting seed potatoes in January and caring for them until they can be planted outside in February. The idea is that later on in the year we might harvest them. We are particularly grateful to Tuckers of Ashburton who will be providing the seed potatoes, planters and compost in support of this activity.

**REMINDER:** Just a reminder about our Welcome Service for the New Reception Intake and Headteacher taking place on Wednesday 1st October, 2008, at 2.30pm.

**THANK YOU** – to the parents who have kindly responded to Mrs Platt's request for support with the **Library**. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated. It will be good to see the library used to its full potential and children reaping the benefit of this valuable resource.

**CLUBS** – I am keen to enhance our provision of after school clubs. I am delighted that Mr John Cornish (father of Connor in Y3) has volunteered to lead a **gardening club**. It will be lovely to give children the opportunity to grow their own produce and, in view of our Harvest focus, the timing for this is excellent. More details will follow.



I am also looking into offering some other after school sports clubs and liaising with a range of sports coaches to explore possibilities. I will let you know in the near future how this progresses.

In the meantime, we need a **volunteer to take on the organisation of Y3/4 football fixtures**. If you are at all interested in helping the school with this and would like to know exactly what it will involve before committing yourself, please contact Mr Bagnall.



**HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME** – I never make any secret of the importance of avoiding holidays during term time. Whilst I recognise that, in an area where tourism is a major employer, the main holiday season is difficult for some families, taking children out of school can disrupt not only their learning, but their social groups which can make it hard for some children to readjust on their return. Coupled with this, if children suffer from bouts of illness over the course of the year, a significant period of schooling can, in total, be missed.

In recent years, the school has had an extended half-term break during the Autumn Term which was partly introduced to enable families to take a holiday outside of peak season. In the interest of children's learning, I urge families to take advantage of this opportunity and therefore avoid seeking my authorisation for holidays during term time.

**LOST PROPERTY** – There's already a collection of small, unmarked, new sweatshirts in the lost property in the foyer. If your child has mislaid one, it might well be there. Please remember to mark all items of clothing/water bottles and lunch boxes with your child's name to avoid loss.



**VOUCHERS FOR SCHOOLS – 'LET'S GROW' – MORRISONS** – For every £10 spent in Morrisons, they are giving away vouchers that can be used in exchange for gardening equipment. Given our aim to set up a gardening club, this is an ideal time to start collecting vouchers to use to support the club. So, if you shop in Morrisons, remember to pick up your vouchers.

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER** – This is arranged for Monday 13th October. Children will be called from classes, in turn and we will arrange for older siblings to collect younger family members from other classes for family group photographs. **ONLY** those parents of children NOT currently at school, but who wish to have a family photograph taken with siblings already at school may come for 8.30am.

**CLEANER REQUIRED** – We are looking to appoint a cleaner, 10 hours a week (2 hrs each day, Monday to Friday, from 3.00pm to 5.00pm). If interested please contact Cleaning Services Limited on 01803 556735.

Yours sincerely

Penny Millington  
Headteacher

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **Autumn Term 2008**

30/09/08	Open Day 9.15am, for Reception Admissions Intake for September 2009
01/10/08	<b>2.30pm Welcome Service in School Hall for new intake and Headteacher</b>
08/10/08	<b>2.30pm Harvest Festival in School Hall</b>
09/10/08	2.45pm Mary Fallon, Christian Aid Assembly, 'Year of the Potato'
13/10/08	School Photographs being taken
16/10/08	PTFA Disco : KS1 5.00pm to 6.00pm, KS2 6.15pm to 7.15pm
Half term:	Monday 20th October to Friday 31st October (inclusive)
04/11/08	Parent Consultations 6.00pm to 9.00pm
06/11/08	Parent Consultations 3.30pm to 6.00pm
10/11/08	PTFA AGM
26/11/08	Book Fayre
05/12/08	Christmas Fayre
18/12/08	End of term
05/01/09	School returns for the start of Spring Term