

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 4 (School Year 2008/2009)

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed a lovely break with your children and that they are refreshed and ready for a busy half of term as we journey towards Christmas.

PTA AGM - Monday 10th November 7:30pm

Please come along to the annual general meeting of our Parent Teacher Association. Not only is this an evening to review the work of our dedicated PTA over the course of last year but a time to elect a new committee and consider the coming year.

**The theme of the evening - THE SCHOOL OF THE FUTURE - 'First class education today
in preparation for the world of tomorrow'**

Come along and consider what this means for the future of Collaton St Mary

- Community projects (Update on our much needed Community Room)
- Becoming a sustainable school
- New technologies - the school's new Learning Platform today and in the future
- Learning today to seize the future

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

Many of our current committee have been involved in the PTA since their children started the school. They have made a tremendous contribution through fund raising, organising social events and recreational activities for everybody's children. They raise approximately £2,000 a year and, at times, exceeded this to support large school projects such as the new build. Their own children will be moving onto secondary school in a year or two and it's crucial that new people get on board now to take over from those parents as and when that time comes. The committee members are a friendly crowd who would welcome you enthusiastically. So come along and find out what might be involved.

THANK YOU ...

...To all parents who have volunteered some time to support our children during the school week. All that you are offering, whether it's time in our library, reading with children or general help in classes, is gratefully received. Every little helps and makes a difference to the quality of provision we can offer.

CHRISTIAN AID HARVEST APPEAL

Thank you to those who gave generously to our 'Year of the Potato' Christian Aid Appeal. The school raised a **total of £128.35.**



LUNCHTIME CLUBS

To enhance the children's lunchtimes we are delighted to announce that from next week a range of lunch clubs will be starting. These are open to all children in KS1 and KS2 who will have the opportunity to join at least one club should they wish. They are being run in house by our staff and range from quiet craft clubs and musical clubs to activities such as skipping and football. They will take place during the lunch hour and are free.



PHOTOGRAPHS

School photographs have been sent out this week with the children. The deadline to return orders and payment to the school office is **Friday 21st November**, to ensure we receive the photographs back in time for Christmas.





POPPY APPEAL

We now have poppies available in school for children to purchase in support of the British Legion and its valuable work on behalf of both veterans and our present day troops. Given the cost of production and administration, a donation of at least 20p per poppy is suggested.

CHILDREN IN NEED – Friday 14th November

The school will hold a Mufti Day in support of Children in Need. Children are invited to wear something spotty or striped in return for a 50p donation.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

The Governing Body places great importance on the wearing of school uniform. It is a very valuable sign that children have pride in their membership of the school, in its new and modern surroundings, and in the team spirit it creates. It reflects our Christian ethos, a tradition we believe to be ever more important in swiftly changing times. Parents are strongly encouraged to send their children in the correct uniform (as outlined in the school prospectus). Uniform is kept as simple and practical as possible, so as to avoid any unnecessary cost.

In particular, fashion footwear is discouraged and safe and practical footwear recommended at all times. For girls as well as boys, this means black shoes with flat, low heels (sandals may be worn in summer).

To prevent lost property, we ask that all items of clothing and personal items are marked with your child's name. If your child is missing an item of clothing, we have some unmarked items in our lost property box in the foyer.

SCHOOL MEALS

Just a reminder to ensure you order your school dinners by 9.00am on the Friday morning before the week you wish to have them. This helps the kitchen with ordering and deliveries. The cost of a school meal is £1.95.



FAMILY MEAL TIMES



We have introduced taster sessions for any parent interested in trying our school meals. The cost is £2.50 for a main course and dessert, served between 12.30 and 1.30pm. Pre-booking is essential; we can accommodate up to 5 people each day, (within school terms). Please speak to a member of the office staff to check on availability. Meals need to be booked and paid for by 9.00am on the Friday before the week you wish to join us). Please indicate if you wish to have a vegetarian or other option.

Yours sincerely

Penny Millington

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Autumn Term 2008

10/11/08	PTFA AGM
10/11/08	Year 6 Bikeability course commences
12/11/08	KS2 Eucharist 2.15pm in the school hall
13/11/08	KS2 Tag Rugby revised starting date
13/11/08	Year 5/6 boys football match (home) 3.45pm-Collaton v. Tower House
14/11/08	Children in Need—Mufti Day
14/11/08	Years 3/4 Multiskills Club commences
20/11/08	Year 5/6 girls football match (away) 4.00pm-Roselands v. Collaton
25/11/08	Year 5/6 girls football match (home) 3.45pm-Collaton v. Brixham
26/11/08	Book Fayre
26/11/08	Christingle in Collaton St Mary Church—KS1 9.15am, KS2 2.30pm
05/12/08	Christmas Fayre
14/12/08	Carols around the Christmas Tree—in church 4.00pm
16/12/08	Christmas Dinner for KS1—Letter to follow
17/12/08	Christmas Dinner for KS2—Letter to follow
18/12/08	End of term
05/01/09	School returns for the start of Spring Term

