

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 5 (School Year 2008/2009)

This is a lovely part of the Autumn Term with classes preparing in various ways for Advent and the Christmas Season. Carols are being rehearsed for our end of year service and we have Christingle, the KS1 play and Christmas parties to look forward to. It's times such as these that children remember from their school days. Underpinning all of this, is our aim to help them appreciate the meaning of Christmas and its significance in their lives. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our various events and celebrations so do come and join us.

Ho Ho Ho

PTFA Christmas Fayre

Friday 5th December at the school. Father Christmas arriving at 1.45pm. Our school choir will be singing at the school Entrance where the children will be gathered to greet him. Children will then return to classes where parents may collect them and then enjoy our Fayre. There are lots of stalls and games to enjoy and tea and refreshments.



There will be a PTFA meeting at School on **Monday 24th November, 7.30pm**, to discuss arrangements for the Christmas Fayre. We would be most grateful for your support in helping to make this event a success. Help is needed to run stalls and with the setting up/clearing up on the day. If you are able to help, but cannot get to the meeting please leave your name and contact number at the school office. All offers of help are much appreciated.

Non Uniform Day/£1 fine or Bring a Filled Jar!

For parents new to the school this is how it works! On Thursday 4th December we will have a non uniform day. Children may wear their own clothing and will be "fined" for not wearing uniform; the payment is either £1 (to be paid on the day to class teachers or to bring in a jar filled with sweets or things for the bath, etc. Jars can be decorated and will be raffled at one of the stalls.



Accompanying children at the Fayre

We are very keen that all children should have an adult to accompany them at the Christmas Fayre from 2.00 p.m. onwards. Whilst we recognise that some parents work and would be unable to be present, we ask that a person be nominated for this responsibility, where possible. For parents of children in Early Years (Years R, 1 and 2) if you are unable to accompany your child or appoint a person such as a grandparent or friend to assume responsibility please speak to their class teacher by Monday 1st December to discuss arrangements. Some early years staff are available to accompany children around the fayre until 3.15pm, but we ask parents to ensure their children have some money to spend so they do not feel left out of things.



KS1 Christmas Production "Sparkle"

Taking place on Tuesday 9th December and Thursday 11th December, at 2.00pm, in the school hall. Details on tickets/costumes to follow from Early years class teachers.

Christmas Cracker!

This **Saturday 22nd November, 11.00am to 2.00pm** at Collaton St Mary Parish Church. Don't forget to send in your Christmas Tree Competition entries or hand in at 11.00am at the fayre. Santa arrives at 11.00am and you can visit him in the Winter Wonderland. There will be various stalls with lots of fun and games. All proceeds support our church.



Children in Need

The children made a really good effort with Children in Need and enjoyed wearing their own clothes with something spotty or stripy. The school raised £125 towards the charity. Thank you for your support.

Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to everyone for their contribution to this appeal. We filled a grand total of 82 boxes!



Netball success!

Our first match of the season resulted in a 4:1 win against Warberry C.E. Primary School. Well done all players and thanks to Mary Cornish who so ably coaches them and organizes their fixtures.

Christingle Celebration

Will take place in our parish church on 26th November : KS1 9:15am, KS2 2:15pm. All welcome!

MTA Vacancy

We are looking to appoint a Meal Time Assistant, 5 days a week (or possibly two people sharing the role). This is an ideal opportunity to get involved in your child's school or if considering a return to work in the child care/education sector and a great chance to become a little more familiar with what it might be like. Please speak to a member of the office staff for further details and an application form.

Illness

There has been quite a lot of sickness and diarrhoea in school recently. To avoid a similar outbreak to that suffered a couple of years back, it is recommended that children are kept away from school for 48 hours. The specific guidance given for an instance of a single case of diarrhoea and/or vomiting is to "exclude from school until 48 hours after vomiting and diarrhoea has settled. Further advice should be sought in the cases of E.coli O157 or similar infections.

Parking

Parking, when dropping off and collecting children from school, is clearly difficult given the geography of the school. The sudden volume of traffic at such times is potentially very hazardous and both motorists and pedestrians need to exercise great caution. To try and minimize the danger, there should be no parking or vehicular movement within the school car park from 8:45 – 9:00am or 3:00 – 3:30pm. The emergency services need to be able to access the school at all times. You will be aware that a request was circulated from the playgroup about not parking on the church driveway and we would appreciate your cooperation in supporting the welfare of all children and pedestrians on both sites. If unable to walk to/from school, it is recommended that motorists at least park further away and walk the final distance to avoid congestion. We are fortunate to benefit from a pedestrian entrance and pedestrians are encouraged to use it to avoid the need to negotiate space with moving vehicles. Your support for the safety of all, and your cooperation, is appreciated.



Penny Millington
Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

25/11/08	Year 5/6 girls football match (home) 3.45pm-Collaton v. Brixham
26/11/08	Christingle in Collaton St Mary Church—KS1 9.15am, KS2 2.15pm
26/11/08	Book Fayre Day 1 (3.15 to 3.45pm)
27/11/08	Book Fayre Day 2 (3.15 to 3.45pm)
28/11/08	Book Fayre Day 3 (3.15 to 3.45pm)
02/12/08	Book Fayre Day 4 (3.15 to 3.45pm)
05/12/08	Christmas Fayre
09/12/08	KS1 Christmas Production 2pm School Hall
11/12/08	KS1 Christmas Production 2pm School Hall
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	Whole School Carol Service in the School Hall 2.15pm
18/12/08	End of Term (School returns for the start of Spring Term 2009 on 05/01/09)

