

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 7

(School Year 2008/2009)

My last newsletter of the term comes to you with every good wish for a very happy and joyful Christmas. Despite only starting here in September, I very much feel part of things. I have enjoyed getting to know the children and some of their families. It has been great sharing special events with you: The Welcome Service, Harvest, Christingle, the school Christmas Fair and the particularly festive 'Carols around the Christmas Tree'. Collaton St Mary is a wonderful community to be part of and I feel very pleased to have joined you.

Thank you to all who have helped in any way to support the school this term. Help in class, with school trips or supporting the activities of the PTA all make such a huge difference to the type of community and the opportunities we can offer our children. PTA funds were swollen by approximately £1,080 after the Christmas Fair. We can be particularly impressed by the business acumen and enthusiasm of the Year Six in their fund raising efforts - some entrepreneurs in the making!

FIRST DAY ABSENCE POLICY

Just a reminder that should your child be unexpectedly absent due to ill health or other emergency, **please contact the school first thing in the morning**. This greatly helps the office team and avoids the necessity of a phone call to you to check on the absence. Similarly, please advise the office if your child has an appointment such as the doctors or dentist which may effect their arrival time for school or mean they need to leave early. We would appreciate parents advising us in advance if someone different is collecting their child/ren from school by letting the teacher know in the morning or ringing the office.

LOST PROPERTY

There are still a few unmarked items of lost property in our foyer. If your child has mislaid something, it may be there. We will keep items until the end of the week, Thursday 18th December, but we don't have space to store indefinitely.



CLUBS WILL RESUME NEXT TERM

Letters to interested parties are on the way. We would like to extend the **Friday Multi Skills Club to children in Y1 and Y2**. This club introduces children to a range of skills involved in various sports. It helps children get a taster and idea of the sports and games they might be particularly interested in. I very much recommend this club to help develop interest and to encourage the awakening of pleasure in sport.



WALKING BUS RESPONSE

Thank you to all those who responded to the Walking Bus enquiry. Whilst numbers were small, it may well be viable and early in the new term, we can progress to the next stage. Watch this space!

Yours sincerely



Penny Millington
Headteacher



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



05/01/09	School returns for Spring Term Alan Slough Football club commences for 12 weeks (excluding half term)
06/01/09	Year 5/6 trip to Plymouth Aquarium
08/01/09	Tag Rugby returns for yrs 3/4 (two sessions owed from last term)
09/01/09	Y6 swimming commences for next 5 Fridays Y1 to Y4 Multi skills Club commences for 12 weeks (excluding half term)
13/01/09	Height, Weight and Hearing check for Year R pupils Football Match boys yrs 5/6 away game at St Margaret Clitherow, Brixham, 4pm kick off.
15/01/09	Final Tag Rugby for yrs 3/4 (session owed from last term) New term Commences next week.
20/01/09	Football Match Yrs 5/6 boys home game, v. Brixham, 3.45pm kick off
22/01/09	Football Match Yrs 5/6 girls home game v. Roselands, 3.45pm kick off
29/01/09	Football Match boys years 5/6 v Sacred Heart away game at Victoria Park Paignton, 3.45pm kick off.
05/02/09	Football Match Yrs 5/6 boys v. Tower House, away game at Clennon Valley Leisure Centre, 4.00pm kick off.