

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 8

(School Year 2008/2009)

In my first newsletter of 2009 on behalf of all my colleagues at Collaton-St-Mary, I'd like to begin by wishing everyone a very happy new year. We all hope that you enjoyed a lovely Christmas break.

CONGRATULATIONS!



The school was a regional winner in the **British Food Fortnight** competition and has been awarded a range of useful cooking items to enhance cookery in the school. We appreciate our kitchen manager Sam Ward's efforts in helping us to achieve this worthy recognition. In the same week, we became winners of '**Blog of the Week**' on the Food For Life web site for our report on Christmas dinner. If you want to chart our progress against the Food For Life Bronze Award and take a look our blog, go to www.foodforlife.org.uk and follow the schools' link to Collaton-St-Mary.

As you know, under the leadership of Mr Bagnall our PE and Sport Coordinator, the school is committed to helping children enjoy the benefits of sport and exercise. As well as sport in the curriculum, we offer a range of enhanced opportunities through our clubs and I am delighted that we have been awarded the **Active Mark 2009** in recognition of this commitment.

CLUB NEWS

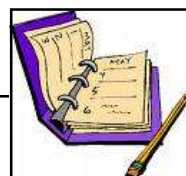
We gave a range of after school and lunch clubs including: Football (girls and boys), Tag-Rugby, Netball, Multi-Skills, Skipping, Choir/Performing Arts, Recorders, Craft, Games, Karaoke, Art as well as our Breakfast and After School Clubs.



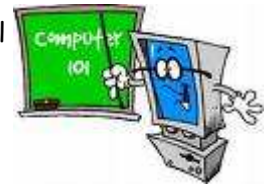
We are still working towards our **school garden and Gardening Club**. Thank you to all those who sent in Morrisons' tokens. We collected approximately 5900 tokens and have been able to send off for an outdoor starter kit; first green house; water but, additional pots, seed trays and trowels; and a storage utility.

DATES

Important dates for the term are appended to this letter and holiday dates for 2009 - 2010 will follow shortly. Next year's holidays include an extended Autumn half-term which is intended to help families who are planning to take a longer break outside of the peak season and to avoid requests of holiday in term time.



LEARNING PLATFORM - Just to remind all that in the event you mislay a newsletter or school dates, these can be accessed on our Learning Platform Parents' Page. Simply go to www.school-portal.co.uk and follow the link to Collaton-St-Mary. We would be very interested to hear if there is other information that you would find useful to have access to on the platform.



EDUCATION SUNDAY

We will be holding a special service to celebrate Education Sunday combined with the 9.30am Family Service usually held in Collaton Parish Church. The parish will be joining us in the school hall for this service at 9.30am. All families and friends are very welcome and we look forward to seeing you.

REMINDERS

In the interests of health and safety, as we have children within our school who suffer a serious nut allergy, we are doing all that we can to ensure that the school is a 'nut free zone' and parents are reminded not to send nuts into school in packed lunches.

It has been brought to my attention that some children are arriving very early in school and waiting unsupervised in the playground. The beginning of the school day is 8:50 am but, of course, we do have our Breakfast Club that provides support for families whose children need to come early to school.

Yours sincerely

Penny Millington
Headteacher



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



- 15/01/09 Final Tag Rugby for yrs 3/4 (session owed from last term) New term Commences next week.
- 16/01/09 Year 6 swimming commences, 1st of 5 sessions
- 20/01/09 Football Match Yrs 5/6 boys home game, v. Brixham, 3.45pm kick off
Netball Match Years 5/6 away game v. Shiphay
- 22/01/09 Football Match Yrs 5/6 girls home game v. Roselands, 3.45pm kick off
Tag Rugby Years 3/4 returns, 1st of 11 sessions.
- 27/01/09 Netball Match Years 5/6 home game v. St Margarets
- 29/01/09 Football Match boys years 5/6 v Sacred Heart away game at Victoria Park Paignton, 3.45pm kick off.
- 01/02/09 Education Sunday Service (combined with parish Family Service) 9.30am School Hall**
- 05/02/09 Football Match Yrs 5/6 boys v. Tower House, away game at Clennon Valley Leisure Centre, 4.00pm kick off.
- 10/02/09 Netball Match years 5/6 away game at Watcombe
- 11/02/09 Torquay United Football in Community 1st of 4 sessions 3.30—4.30pm
- 16/02/09 Half Term : school returns Monday 23rd February.
- 23/02/09 Alan slough Football, 3.30—4.30pm, 1st of 6 sessions till Easter Break.
- 02/03/09 PTFA Meeting at school, 7.30pm
- 09/03/09 Parent Consultations 1/2 early session
- 10/03/09 Football Match Years 5/6 boys home game v. St Margaret Clitheroe, 4.00 kick off
- 11/03/09 Parent Consultations 2/2 late session