

COLLATON ST MARY C OF E (AIDED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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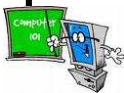


MISSION STATEMENT

We are challenged to

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

NEWSLETTER 1 (School Year 2009/2010)



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A Visit From Clive Pig— Storyteller— to start the year!

To start off our enquiry based learning this term, all the children enjoyed a visit from Clive Pig in a variety of characters from Bran The Celt to Muckleberry Mary! They had to compose questions to find out the identity of each character and about their lives in order to build up a picture. The children were thoroughly engaged and involved in their morning and responded with some very imaginative questions! Over the course of the term, a range of work will support your child's development of enquiry skills.

Visitors from Peru

On **2nd October** our long-awaited visitors from Peru will visit Collaton, accompanied by Tom Jolly from Global Education who helps co-ordinate our Peruvian link. They will be working with Y4,5 and 6 exploring the role of children in Peruvian society and, it's hoped, teaching the children a simple, traditional dance. They will be visiting other schools over the course of their time in Torbay and on **Tuesday 6th October**, we will say farewell to our visitors during our Harvest Celebration. Our Harvest collection this year, will support the work of Christian Aid with youth groups in Peru. More information to follow. During the Harvest, we will also give thanks for our own school grown produce including our Peruvian seed potatoes that we planted last year—the cycle complete!



THANK YOU!

Everyone who supported our children's sponsored skip at the end of the Summer Term. All their efforts led to £350 Being collected in total which will go towards additional sports equipment including some new skipping ropes!



CLUB NEWS

We recognise that value of providing clubs to extend opportunities for our children.

At lunchtime, we will continue with a range of activities. This term lunch clubs will include: KS2 drama, Games Club, Skipping and Craft Club (sewing/crochet).

After school clubs will include:

MONDAY—Football with Alan Slough (all ages)

TUESDAY—Netball , Art

WEDNESDAY—Gardening Club until half term. Choir will begin after half term

Art

Multi Skills for Years 1—3

FRIDAY- Basketball Club for Years 4—6

Now that we have our community room for our Before and After School Clubs, we hope to use our hall to extend the range of clubs further and are currently looking into possibilities of a cooking club, dance and gym More news to follow. We are proud of our growing range of clubs and thankful to all the staff and parents who give their time for the benefit of the children.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

After the governors' review of school uniform in the summer, it was decided to phase out the white blouse which could be worn under pinafores in FS/KS1 in favour of the royal blue polo shirt throughout the school. Whilst understanding that this change would not take place immediately, when you next need to make a purchase, blue royal polo shirts in all sizes are available from our office.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL PERSONAL ITEMS ARE CLEARLY MARKED TO AVOID LOSS

COMMUNITY ROOM

We have started to make use of our community room this term. Our Before and After School Clubs now take place there, and the daytime slots in the week are beginning to fill.

Monday am — Pastoral Care

Tuesday am—Torbay Communication Group for pre-school children

Wednesday am—Family Learning aimed mainly at YR and Y1 parents/carers (crèche available in the hall)

Thursday am/pm—Torbay Communication Group for pre-school children

COMING UP —DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NEXT WEEK—First PTA meeting of the year MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER in school. If your child is new to school or been here some time and you'd like to get involved we'd love to see you. Every little help makes such a difference to what we are able to offer our children and strengthens our school community. Please come along.

- 30th September—A special worship to welcome our new Foundation Stage Children and their families
- Tuesday 6th October—Harvest Celebration and Peruvian Farewell. All welcome to join us.
- Wednesday 7th October—School based Eucharist. All welcome
- Friday 16th October, we finish for half term.