

# **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

## **WELCOME TO NEW PARENTS**

I would like to welcome your family to our school and hope that we can work together to make your child's time here one in which they fulfil their potential. We will continuously strive to achieve this, but it is most important to work together. Regular support at home over a school life is the 'added ingredient' that really does make a difference - research has shown that it can make a difference of several grade GCSE levels with children of similar ability. This is a long way off for your child - but school life goes by very quickly and it is important to keep in mind the long term picture and hopes for your child's future.

Parents often find it a bit bewildering to understand what they need to know in order to feel part of their new school. This is usual! The purpose of this letter is to let you know a little more about how we work and what you will come across this year. I can't promise to answer all the questions because you probably haven't thought of all the questions yet! At least you will know that we try to help you settle in; and when there are things on your mind, please ask any member of staff, including me. We really want you to feel at home as soon as possible!

### WHERE TO GO FIRST!

A large number of the detailed pieces of information are in our Prospectus - please refer to this booklet first.

### ALL ABOUT US!

Collaton St Mary is a Church of England Primary School - a Christian community; it is Voluntary Aided (as opposed to Voluntary Controlled). This means it is the most church linked school; it has a majority of

Governors appointed by the church; controls appointments of staff and owns its own premises. However, more important than its administrative arrangements, is the way that we develop our Christian view of life throughout our policies and most importantly in everyday living. It influences our policies and practices - such as forgiveness and making a new start - important ingredients in our behaviour policy. Every day starts with a short moment of class prayer and ends on most days with a whole school Act of Worship (notice not an Assembly - that is defined as the giving of community information). We say Grace before lunchtime. Our faith also shows itself across the curriculum, which we hope will highlight the spiritual side of different experiences as well as the knowledge, skills and understanding necessary for all children. You too are part of this Christian community. Soon after the start of the Autumn Term, we invite you to a service of welcome which will be held on a Sunday in the Church. Please come with as many members of your family as possible, so that you can be welcomed and feel part of the Church community, to which you belong.