



St Mary's CE Primary School

Autumn Term Newsletter No: 1

9th September 2016

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Welcome back to everyone, ready for a busy and productive Autumn Term. We would all like to say thank you for the generous gifts that we received at the end of the summer term, and in particular for the cards and notes from parents and children with kind words and thanks. Such gestures are particularly appreciated at the end of a long term and are something to look back at when the going gets tough!

Staff and Governors met for our annual School Improvement Planning day on 5th September and our main academic priorities this year will centre round spelling and maths, in response to the new higher expectations from the government.

We have revised our daily timetables slightly to enable us to accommodate a split maths lesson. This will enable us to mark children's work after the first session of maths and use the second session to address any misconceptions immediately before they move on to the next step of learning. This was trialled last term across some classes and will now be extended to the whole school.

Another significant change is that Good Work Assembly will take place on **Friday mornings** at 9.00am instead of Tuesdays. We know that our children are very good at thinking about how they learn and reflecting on challenges and how to overcome them. We are going to take this a step further by focussing on the process of learning for inclusion in this assembly, seeking to celebrate those children who apply our school values of perseverance and independence in learning situations. We will also be asking staff, team captains, parents and pupils to look out for anyone who is demonstrating other school values, so that they can be included for recognition. Our first Celebration Assembly of the term will be on Friday 16th September and notes for those children who are included will come out on Wednesdays.

A quick reminder of our school values for those who can't recite them off by heart:

Forgiveness

Love

Perseverance

Friendship

Justice

Hope

Thankfulness



Swimming arrangements

We have decided to change our arrangements for swimming next academic year. We will no longer be using Littlehampton Swimming Pool, but have come to an arrangement with Slindon College and will be using their pool. The details have yet to be finalised, but we do know that because it is an outdoor pool, we will be swimming in the summer term. We aim to include the whole school in this, and we anticipate that there will be a greatly reduced cost to parents. We will let you know more information as we have it.



Scholastic Book Club

Please ensure that your orders and any cheque payments are back with the school office by no later than Monday 10th October – sorry no cash payments can be taken.



Meet the teacher

You are invited to come into school to meet your child's teacher(s) and find out about this year's topics and class arrangements on **Wednesday 14th September**. The meetings will be at 3.20pm for Year 1 & 2 and 3.40pm for Years 3, 4, 5, and 6. There will be supervision for pupils on the playground, but this *does not* include babies and toddlers.

Parents of children in Reception will have an opportunity to hear from Mrs Shanks and Mrs Anderson slightly later in the term.

Parent/staff choir



Choir will be taking place on Tuesdays this term, and we hope to be working on Christmassy songs. All parents, carers, grandparents, are welcome to join us from 3.15pm - 4.00pm

There is a £3.00 charge for sessions attended. It would be lovely to have a larger group if we can manage it, so please come along and give it a go.



CAMPING WEEKEND Saturday & Sunday 24th and 25th September – more information will follow soon!



CLYMPING SCHOOL FUNDRAISING GROUP NEWS AND EVENTS

Watch this space for news of forthcoming fun events!

If any of our parents are interested in becoming more involved in our Fundraising Group then please speak to Mrs Diggins or Mrs Marks or leave a message with your contact details at the school office – all are welcome!

Greenpower News



Greenpower Team McClymping 2016

For more Information Please see the website:

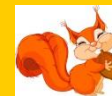
<http://www.greenpower.co.uk/>

School Hours:

8.45am – 3.15pm

Please contact the school office before 9.00am if your child is unwell or will be absent from school or before 3.00pm if you are going to be unavoidably late collecting your child at the end of the school day. Children who arrive late MUST be signed in at the school office by their parent or carer.

Autumn Term Diary Dates



5th September -16th December

14th	Meet the Teacher (Yrs 1-6)
24/25th	Camping Weekend
10th October	Last day for Scholastic Book orders
21st October	INSET Day
24-28th October	Half Term
8th November	Individual School Photos
14-18 November	BBC Children in need appeal week

FUTURE DIARY DATES:

24th March 2017	Red Nose Day
10th May 2017	Group Photos

