



We honour God through our actions

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PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Carers and Friends of our school

LETTER FROM RT REV BISHOP CHRISTOPHER BUDD

Dear Children,

Jesus tells us that it is important for us to be a friend to children around the world. With Mission Together you can pray for them and share with them. This year you can help children in Nigeria.

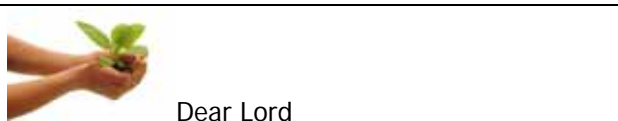
Vincent and Mary are two children who live in a small village in Nigeria. Their local health centre is very poor and simple. By accepting Jesus' invitation to help others you could help Vincent, Mary and many other children to get better care. For example, their health centre often runs out of medicines and bandages. Please pray for them and share with them and help children who are ill to get better quickly?

Like you, the children in Nigeria are part of Mission Together. They have promised to pray for you all. By doing this they live up to the Mission Together motto of children helping children. Will you also live up to this motto? You can be children helping children by praying for children such as Vincent and Mary. By sharing with them you can help improve their lives. Please talk to your parents, teachers and friends about the ways you can do this.

May God bless you with peace and happiness as you begin your new school year.

N.B. You can order a charity Red Box to collect for these children and other free resources from their website

www.missiontogether.org.uk



Dear Lord

We thank you for all our different gifts. Help us to see the importance of working together and the value of using different people's skills and talents. Help us to co-operate, and to work well together as a team.

Amen

Mrs. Down's brother Michael John Harper died peacefully at home on Sunday 25th October 2009.

We would welcome your thoughts and prayers for the family.

HALF TERM CLUB left some spooky spider nests at Cockington and stuffed two scarecrows. £17.00 was raised for Father Carrick's school in Enkeryian Kenya.



Fr Carrick's Farewell Mass

The Parish Farewell Mass for Fr. Carrick is today Friday 6th November at 7pm in the Church; followed by refreshments and a presentation. **All are welcome.** Please bring a plate of snacks or refreshments to share.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

The children will now be selling poppies every day at school. We suggest a minimum donation of 20p for their purchase. We hope to raise a substantial sum to support this wonderful cause.

HARVEST

Class 5 will be leading the harvest assembly at 11.15 on Wednesday, 11th November – parents of children in Class 5 are very welcome to attend. We should be pleased if all children will bring in a small donation for CAFOD (Catholic Aid for Overseas Development)



ATTENDANCE CUP

Week Ending 23rd October 2009

Reception	85.0%
Class 1	92.7%
Class 2	91.3%
Class 3/4	91.2%
Class 5	94.0%
Class 6	93.6%

Well done Class 5

Uniform Teddy Award = Class 3/4

Number Smart Award = Matthew Hogan – Class 3/4

House Points – Blue = 149 points

HOUSING & COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT

Torbay Council have informed us that from 2 November 2009 that Child Benefit will not be taken into account as an income when assessing the above benefits enabling more people to claim. For more information Tel: 01803 207256 or email ian.sharratt@torbay.gov.uk

WEAR IT PINK – Breast Cancer Campaign

We are pleased to inform you that we raised £170.00 for this wonderful cause. We are also having a staff tea to raise further funds, so if anyone wishes to make further donations, we are still able to accept them. Thanks for your continued support and generosity.

FOOTBALL **No Boys' football club next week for Yrs 3-6**

Match Report Babbacombe 1 v Priory 1

Once again Priory scored a goal in the very first minute, although, on this occasion, it was a Babbacombe own goal! Babbacombe equalised in the second half and would have won the game if it hadn't been for Sebastian Ross who kicked the ball off the line in the last second of the game.



DIocese of Plymouth

Our SEAL target will start next week.

ATHLETICS TOURNAMENT AT ST CUTHBERT MAYNE

Congratulations to all the children in Class 6 who came 2nd in this tournament. All the children are also to be congratulated on their exemplary behaviour throughout the tournament. They were all a credit to Priory school.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS – we will be sending home proof copies of these photographs to you as soon as possible.

KEEPING UP WITH THE CHILDREN

Weekly numeracy workshops for parents started on Wednesday, 4th November from 1pm until 3pm for five weeks. If you are interested you may come along to the remaining sessions - please give your name in to the school office. Come along – have a chat – no commitment. There will be crèche facilities throughout the course.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

We would like to ask your help – several children are bringing sweets and chocolate bars in their packed lunches. We are a healthy eating school and do not allow sweets on the school premises. On occasions it has also been noticed that a few children are bringing nuts for a snack. We have children at Priory who have a life threatening allergy to nuts and please be aware of this when preparing your child's food. Children are regularly asking for spoons to eat their yoghurts etc – we are more than willing to lend spoons – but unfortunately several have been missing lately. Perhaps you would remember to pack a spoon as well or remember to return our spoons.

ST CUTHBERT MAYNE PTA – Christmas shopping trip and German Christmas Market in Birmingham on Saturday, 12th December - £20.00. Coach leaves St Cuthbert Mayne School at 7.00 am and another pick up at Newton Abbot Railway Station at 7.15 am. Leave Birmingham at 5.00pm. Families and friends are all welcome. To book seats call Jacqui Blenkinsopp 326622

LETTER RE GIRLS' FOOTBALL

My Name is Russell Quaintance I am a coach of a local all girls' football team. I am writing to inform you of a Devon F.A.

FREE football session Run in association with the Devon Girls Football League. The Torquay session will be run by the Devon FA woman and girl's football development officer (Mark Young) and I; both of us hold full FA coaching badges and we are CRB checked, so you can rest assured the session will run smoothly with the girls in mind.

The session is next Tue 10th November 4.30pm – 6.00pm at Torquay Girls' Grammar School (Astro turf) and is open to girls of all abilities in school yrs 3, 4, 5 & 6.

Girls wishing to attend should ring Mark Young to book or get more details on 01626 325919 / 07973312146

Don't worry if you forget to book your place just turn up on the night with warm appropriate kit Trainers / astro shoes and shin pads. All we will need is a consent form (Supplied on the night) filled out by your parent / guardian

PARENTING

We have weekly visits from Paul (Parent Support Facilitator) on Mondays from 8.40 until 9.30 a.m. He will be available to discuss any parenting issues you may have either by a "drop in" arrangement or by appointment. You may telephone or enquire at the office about making an appointment either at school or at

home confidentially. We welcome this service and hope you will make good use of it.

SCHOOL NURSE – Our school nurse, Rachel, will be available at 2.30pm on Thursday afternoons.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Next Saturday session for children is this **Sat 7th November from 9.30am until noon** in the School Hall. Next session for **PARENTS** is at church from 6pm until 7pm **on Thursday, 12th November 09**

Gabriella in Class 5 has just had major surgery. Please remember her and her family in your prayers and thoughts.

PARKING

We have a combined scheme with Torbay Council whereby you are allowed to park freely in Hampton Avenue car park next to the Abbey School for a maximum period of 20 minutes, if you display a permit in your car (available from the school office).

It would also be helpful if ALL parents and visitors to school would comply with our voluntary one way system in Priory Road i.e. always drive to Priory Road from the Barewell Road direction – NEVER – from the Precinct or St Margaret's Road

We thank you, as always, for your co-operation – we all want the same result – the SAFETY of OUR CHILDREN.

Advice about Swine flu

Torbay Care Trust's Flu Information Line, on 01803 217222. The Line is open every day from 8am to 8pm. Outside these hours, please contact NHS Direct on 0845 4647

POLISH & INTERNATIONAL PARTY at Albert's Bar – Sunday, 15th November 5.00 – midnight

For details call 01803 400115

DATES FOR DIARY



Wednesday, 11th November – Class 5 Harvest assembly at 11.15 am – Parents of Class 5 children very welcome to attend.



Mon 16th November 3.30pm – Strawberry Cream Tea in the school hall for all staff, governors and PSA to welcome our new Parish Priest Fr Jonathan Shaddock. Donations to Breast Cancer Campaign.

Sarah Barreto

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HOLIDAY DATES

Autumn Term Last Day in School

Friday, 18th December 2009

School re-opens Tuesday 5th January



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