



We honour God through our actions

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PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

20th November 2009

Dear Parents/Carers and Friends of our school

How lovely to see so many people there on Monday to welcome our new Parish Priest Fr. Jonathan Shaddock to our school and Parish. Thank you so much to all the staff, governors, friends, children and parents who came and an extra thank you to all those who helped set up and serve such a beautiful afternoon tea.

Next Tuesday evening at 6.30pm we will be welcoming the Parish in to the school hall for a series of four Advent talks. This is a fantastic opportunity for us not only to share our faith by preparing together for the season of Advent, but also for us to get to know each other as a Parish. I look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible, but give my apologies for the first week as I will be out for my celebratory birthday meal that night!

Our thoughts and prayers are with Fr. Carrick as he starts his first weeks in his new Parish and we hope he settles in well and is very happy. I am sure he would be pleased to see or hear from some of you if you are visiting the Bovey Tracey area.

Thank you to all our families for your support during our anti bullying theme this week. I hope the extract from Christopher Gleeson's book here strikes a note with you all about how important you are to us and your children.

Next week is **Spanish Week** at Priory School and we look forward to some special food, music, songs and dancing! Ole! If you have hidden talents to share in this area we would love to see or hear from you. Some of your children may be coming home having learnt to do the Flamenco. We also welcome a new teaching assistant Anabel Martinez, who will be visiting us for about a month from Almeria, Andalucia, Spain. Bienvenidos!

Do send in any artefacts, books, pictures, photos or mementoes of Spain for us to share next week.

Parents and Teachers Working Together



I dreamed I stood in a studio
And watched two sculptors there,
The clay they used was a young child's mind
And they fashioned it with care.
One was a teacher; the tools being used
Were books and music and art,
One a parent with a guiding hand
And a gentle loving heart.
Day after day the teacher toiled
With touch that was deft and sure,
While the parent laboured just as hard
And polished and smoothed it o'er.
When at last their task was done
They were proud of what they had wrought,
For the things they had moulded into the child
Could be neither sold nor bought.
And both agreed they would have failed
If they had worked alone;
For behind the parents stood the school
And behind the teacher, the home.

Christopher Gleeson '*A Canopy of Stars*'
David Lovell Publishing 2003

JEWELLERY

Some children have been wearing coloured bracelets/wrist bands. They may not be worn at school and, if found, they will be confiscated.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

As we are now in the Winter term the children in classes 3, 4, 5 & 6 are expected to wear white shirts and ties. If you have any surplus uniform that your children have outgrown, please hand it into the school office to be handed on to grateful families.

SPANISH WEEK 23 – 27 November 2009

At the end of the week on Friday, 27th November we are planning a Spanish lunch – which is a wonderful opportunity to sample and taste food from Spain, a country that is very familiar to them already. We do hope that most of the children will benefit from this opportunity – so please book your lunch at the office - £1.90 per child.

FOOTBALL

Football training will take place after school on Tuesday for boys from Classes 3/4, 5 & 6

MESSAGE FROM MR GODWIN BROWN MOVEMBER

Have you noticed something strange about Mr Godwin Brown? Yes it's a moustache!! Mr Godwin Brown is collecting for a charity fighting prostate cancer and once he has reached his target of £150 – he will cut "Barry" off. If you would like to find out more – log onto www.movember.com. Any donations very welcome.

CHILDREN IN NEED – Friday, 20th November 2009

Pudsey Bear biscuits will be on sale after school for a minimum donation of 20p - please be generous for this wonderful cause. We thank the staff in the canteen at St Cuthbert Mayne for kindly cooking and donating these biscuits for our school.



ATTENDANCE CUP

Week Ending 13th November 2009

Reception	80.5%
Class 1	95.0%
Class 2	93.1%
Class 3/4	89.4%
Class 5	92.7%
Class 6	93.6%

Well done Class 1

Uniform Teddy Award = Reception Class

Number Smart Award = Mae – Class1

House Points – Blue = 228 points

WEAR IT PINK – Breast Cancer Campaign

The combined total for our efforts to raise money for this charity amounts to £317.50 – thank you to everyone for your generosity and support.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Thank you for returning your orders and these have now been sent off for processing. If you have missed the 'cut off' date, you may still deal with the photographer direct. Email: john.doherty@class-photography.com or Tel 01803 324889

MESSAGE FROM CHAIR OF GOVERNORS –

Michael Cronin would like to thank all the parents who took the time to send letters recording their objections to the recent planning application in Priory Road. We heard yesterday that the application has been refused.

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.

HOLIDAY DATES – Next year's holiday dates for 201-2011 academic year will be sent out in 2 weeks time

Autumn Term Last Day in School

Friday, 18th December 2009

School re-opens Tuesday 5th January



DIocese OF PLYMOUTH

Our SEAL target 'I am being a really good friend'.

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 very pleased to see any parents who wish to see her on her new visiting day, Monday from 8.30 – 9.30 am

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Next session for parents is on Thursday, 10th December at church from 6pm until 7pm. Next session for children is Sunday, 13th December at church before 10.00 mass from 8.45 until 9.50 am

Any queries please contact Pat Wilson – Tel: 325620

Gabriella in Class 5 – we were delighted to welcome her back in to Priory for a visit today following her major surgery, please continue to remember her and her family in your prayers and thoughts.

TORBAY BEAVERS

The 10th Torbay Beavers welcomes boys and girls aged between 6-8, every Tuesday from 17.45 until 19.00. If any parent is interested in registering their child for Beavers, please could they contact torbaybeavers@hotmail.com for more details.

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

DATES FOR DIARY

Gaudete Sunday 13th December 2009 Advent Carols from school choir and liturgy after the 10am Parish Mass in the school hall followed by a shared lunch. All welcome.

Classes 1 & 6 Musical Nativity –
2.00pm Wednesday, 9th December &
6.30pm Thursday, 10th December

Sarah Barreto



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