



We honour God through our actions

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## PARENTS AND FRIENDS NEWSLETTER

23rd October 2009

Dear Parents/Carers and Friends of our school



Dear Lord

Thank you for all the opportunities we have had to learn new things during the first half of this term. Thank you for friends at school and at home who help us when things are difficult.

We are sorry for those times when we haven't worked hard enough and when we may have been unkind.

Help us, during half term, to enjoy the rest and to come back to school determined to do our best in all we say and do.

Amen

### PLANNING APPLICATION

We have had a letter advising us that a planning application has been made for the demolition of a bungalow next to our school on Priory Road. If you wish to make comments about this you may do so in writing by **30<sup>th</sup> October** to Miss Emma Phillips, Senior Planning Officer at Planning and Development Services, Roebuck House, Abbey Road, Torquay. The reference is P/2009/0985 which must be quoted in your reply. You can access the information on this and view the plans at <http://www.torbay.gov.uk/publicaccess> or visit Roebuck House Planning Office at Abbey Road during normal office hours.

### HARVEST

Class 5 will be leading the harvest assembly at 11.15 on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> 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 16th October 2009

Reception 85.3%

Class 1 96.2%

Class 2 96.3%

Class 3/4 85.2%

Class 5 91.3%

Class 6 96.1%

**Well done Class 2**

**Uniform Teddy Award = Class 6**

**Number Smart Award = Kieran – Class 5**

**House Points – Blue = 322 points**

### ATTENDANCE

**Please be aware that no family holidays will be authorised by the school during the spring or summer term 2009 unless there are exceptional circumstances.**

These are important terms for all children. If a holiday is taken that term without being authorised by the school we are required to report the absence to the LA who may issue a penalty notice. We **cannot** approve holidays after they have been taken without prior permission from the school. Please understand that we are doing our best to ensure your children succeed.

### WEAR IT PINK – Breast Cancer Campaign

We have all enjoyed our pink day and thank you for your generous donations. Pink muffins (kindly donated by the kitchen staff at St Cuthbert Mayne school) were on sale and will also still be available after school (suggested price is 50p or for a donation)

**DATA COLLECTION SHEETS** – Please return as soon as possible.

### FOOTBALL ESFA Tournament Results

Priory 2 Ilsham 0

Barton 2 Ilsham 0

Priory 0 Barton 1

Barton goes through to the finals but Priory was a very close second! Scorers were Kofi Shaw and Jamie Lane.

We will be having a football club for Years 3/4 boys on the first Tuesday after half term but no football club for Years 5/6 because the team is playing away at Babbacombe.

**SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS** for all children on **Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009**. Groups photographs will be taken of siblings within the school but if you wish to bring your younger children in to appear in a group family photograph – please come in to our community room at 8.30 am when the photographing will begin.

### KEEPING UP WITH THE CHILDREN

Weekly numeracy workshops for parents are planned for after half term – starting on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> November from 1pm until 3pm for five weeks. If you are interested, please give your name in to the school office. Come along to the first one – have a chat – no commitment. There will be crèche facilities throughout the course.

### HALF-TERM CLUB

Come and join the Cockington Ramble – build a den, stuff some scarecrows etc on **Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> October from 10.30 until 2.30pm £3.50 per child or £6.00 per family**. Phone Pat Ward – Tel: 404766 for more information and to make a booking. Under 8s must be accompanied by an adult.



DIOCESSE OF PLYMOUTH

Our SEAL target will start again next half term.

## 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.

## EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

### Art & Design Club

After half term the club will commence painting their designs. This will be messy work, so the children will need to bring old clothes to school on these days, in order to protect their school clothes.

## LIFE

All are welcome to come along to the AGM of this organization in Exeter on Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> November at the Chaplaincy in Exeter University. Refreshments will be served at 4pm followed by the AGM from 4.30 until 6pm. We are fortunate to have Lord Alton as our speaker. The work load has increased over the years and we now see over a 100 clients each month at the drop in centre in Exeter and also at outreach stations around Devon dealing with LIFE issues and poverty issues. We are hoping to recruit new volunteers, counselors and new committee members. For further information please contact Juliette Edwards on 01803 316657.

**ST CUTHBERT MAYNE PTA** – Christmas shopping trip and German Christmas Market in Birmingham on Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> 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

## 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 resume her weekly visits at 2.30pm on Thursday afternoons after half term.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

## HOLIDAY DATES

Autumn Term

Half Term

Last Day in School

Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> October to Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> October 2009 inclusive  
Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2009

Next session for **PARENTS** is at church from 6pm until 7pm on **Thursday, 12th November 2009**

## PARKING

Unfortunately we have had complaints from our neighbours in Priory Road and Barewell Road about inconsiderate parking. **Please do give extra thought to parking your car. Please don't park on zig zag lines or double park etc** 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*

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

## HEAD LICE

Unfortunately we are being plagued by these– every class in the school is being affected. Please be extra vigilant and check your child's hair on a daily basis. We should be pleased to offer any advice.

## DATES FOR DIARY

**Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November** – Priory Choir singing at St John's Church above the Terrace from 7.30pm – tickets on sale at the door for £5.00

**Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Class 5 will lead a harvest assembly at 11.15 am – Parents of Class 5 children very welcome to attend.

Wishing you all a very safe and happy half term  
See you on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November!



Sarah Barreto



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