



Newsletter

November

So this term is speeding by! We are in the middle of our rehearsals and singing practises for our great Christmas production - Superstar - 'A really bright nativity musical' and we will soon be starting practising carols and Christmas songs for our Christmas Sing - Long and Church carol service. Before the main news just a couple of requests:

Attendance

Please make sure you phone before 8.30am and leave a message if your child is going to be absent. This is essential as teachers need to know at register time that all children are accounted for.

Christmas Lunch

Christmas lunch slips were due yesterday. We are still awaiting 27 replies. Please also let us know if your child does not want a meal. There will be no jacket or sandwich option that day - Christmas lunch only - so if you want your child to have one, please return slip tomorrow. (We are sending out a new note for those needed.)

Parent Pay

You are now able to pay for next terms toast through Parent Pay. Please can we encourage anyone who has not already set up their account to do so. The cost for toast is £10 for KS2 per child and £5 for KS1 per term but Parent pay will show you the correct amount to pay when you log on. Also the minimum amount for school meals has now been set at £2 to enable Parents to pay for Christmas dinner using it. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Rundle if you have any problems and she will be happy to help.

Morning Starts

We have had issues with parking places being taken up by parents in the car park forcing members of staff to double park or park elsewhere - this isn't acceptable - please do not park in the car park at drop off or pick up time apart from disabled badge holders.

DOGS!

Please could I remind you all again that there is a **NO DOGS** policy on the school grounds, so please do not bring dogs onto the school grounds at any time - please leave them in the car or at home. Thank you.

Trees

Please make sure children are taking care of our school environment even after school hours and are not swinging or climbing up trees and damaging them.

Foundation Stage room

Please make sure you use the side entrance or front door of school in the evenings if you need to pop in and see a member of staff or collect something your child may have forgotten. Mrs Clarke now uses the classroom daily and may be having meetings inside the room after school.

Open Afternoon and admissions

On Thursday 10th November we also have our open afternoon - please feel free to pop along and see what is happening in school. This is a good chance to not just open our doors to prospective parents but also welcome in anyone else that may want to take a look about what we have been upto! From the 15th November to the 15th January you are able to apply for a primary school place. If you would like to apply, you can apply online at www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsline

Gifted and Talented Maths at Marldon School

A group of our most able mathematicians from Morpurgo Class headed up to Marldon Primary on Monday 10th October to meet with the talented mathematicians from St Michael's, St Catherines, Marldon and Ipplepen Schools to tackle mathematical puzzles and challenges led by the 'Happy Puzzle Company'. The children from Brixton did exceptionally well and completed the most challenges with great success. Well done everyone who attended - you did us proud!

USF Tag Rugby Festival

We also enjoyed a very successful rugby filled day on Wednesday 12th October alongside the USF. Our children took part in a competition where they practised their skills and learnt the rules of Tag Rugby. We look forward to hosting the next sports festival on our field next term.

Foodbank donations

Thank you to all for your kind and generous donations to the Foodbank this harvest time. We collected over 100kgs of food in total which was fantastic and I know will make a big difference to the lives of others.

Football Tournament

Our Year 5/6 footballers had a great time on Tuesday evening taking part in a football tournament against other primary schools in the area. They came 3rd in their pool and 7th in the whole competition. We can't wait to celebrate more of our sporting success in the coming months.

Ivybridge Community College Performing Arts Show

Morpurgo Class are in for a huge treat on Thursday 8th December when they go up to ICC for their amazing Performing Arts show. Each year they just get better and better and produce the most amazing performances every time. We will be looking out for past Brixton St Mary's pupils and giving them extra special applause.

Christmas Sing - a - Long.

Please bring a granny or grandpa or an older friend along to our Christmas sing-a-long as part of our 'Dementia friendly Parishes around the Yealm' work. It will really get you in the Christmas spirit and there will be mince pies and drinks to enjoy after the singing. Don't forget it is also 'Go Sparkly Day' - a fundraising day for St Luke's Hospice. Please bring along something sparkly to wear and if you can spare a little change for both very worthy causes, thank you very much!

Christmas Fayre

We are hosting a Christmas Fayre on the 2nd December. We look forward to seeing you all on that evening for some festive fun and to raise lots of funds to support the school!

Carol Singing at Venn Court

We will be taking a group of children across to Venn Court to carol sing in December too and are really looking forward to singing carols together.

Christmas performances

There will be an afternoon performance of Superstar on **Monday 5th December at 1.45pm** and an **Evening performance on Monday 5th December at 6pm**. This is a change of date from a previous newsletter. On **Tuesday 6th December there will be a performance in St Mary's Church at 1.45pm**. We hope you will be able to make one of these performances. We may need to restrict numbers and issue tickets this year - we will be in touch in due course regarding this.

Carol Service

Our carol service will be held at St Mary's Church on 15th December. All are welcome. Please see your class teacher if you are able to come and would be able to help as a walker.

Phonics Workshop

We are holding a phonics workshop on Thursday 17th November. This will be a great opportunity for Reception, Year 1 & 2 parents to find out how we teach phonics and how you can support your children at home. We look forward to seeing you there.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Date	Event
November	
9.11.16	Height & Weight Check R/Y6
10.11.16	Eucharist 10am
10.11.16	Open Afternoon 3.30-6pm
17.11.16	Flu Vaccinations
17.11.16	Phonics Workshop 3.30 & 6pm
18.11.16	Enterprise Day
December	
2.12.16	Christmas Fayre
5.12.16	Xmas Nativity performance 1.45 pm School Hall
5.12.16	Xmas Nativity performance 6pm School Hall
6.12.16	Xmas Nativity performance 1.45 pm St Mary's Church
8.12.15	Performing Arts Show ICC
8.12.16	Grandparents Afternoon
9.12.16	'Go Sparkly' Day - Dementia Friendly Sing-a-Long & St Luke's Hospice fundraising 2pm
12.12.16	Parents Evening
13.12.16	Parents Evening
14.12.16	Christmas Dinner
15.12.16	Carol Service in the Church
16.12.16	END OF TERM
January	
03.01.16	Back to School

Kind Regards

Claire Webb (Head of School)