

ST MARY'S CHURCH SCHOOL, HADLEIGH Tel: 01473 823268



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Dear Parents

Parent Teacher Meetings – These are being held on Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 October from 3.30pm until 5.30pm and Thursday 20 October from 5pm until 7.30pm. All parents are invited to meet with their child's teacher for a ten minute appointment to discuss your child's progress. Children are welcome in school, but are not expected to take part in the meeting. There will be a board in the front entrance of the school with the names of the teachers/class and various time slots. Please come up and choose a date and time convenient for you. The board will be available from Monday 10 October.

Contacting Your Parent Governor – Mr Mark Warner – Mark is happy for any parents to contact him on his email address which is mark_warner3@sky.com

Data Collection Sheets - Your children have brought home with this newsletter a copy of the personal and medical details that we hold for them. Please check the form carefully, amend if necessary and return to the school office via your child's teacher by Friday 14 October. All parts must be filled in, including the travel arrangements, meal arrangements, medical details including family doctor, ethnicity, home language and religion. The school office should be notified of any changes as and when they occur.

Privacy Notice - Under the 1998 Data Protection Act all data processors (i.e. Schools, Local Authorities (Las) are required to issue a Privacy Notice to everyone that they collect personal data from. Please find the Notice with this letter.

Celebration Assemblies – Foundation Stage and Key Stage 1 (Nursery/Reception Years 1,2) – Friday 7 October at 9.10am/Key Stage 2 (Years 3,4,5,6) Friday 7 October at 9.40am. If your children have any outside of school achievements/special awards please bring them into school by Thursday of this week. Please join us for these special assemblies if you can.

Samaritan's Purse – Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is the world's largest children's Christmas project, bringing joy into lives of children since 1990. Last year, almost 1.2 million shoeboxes filled with gifts and goodies were packed by children and adults in the UK and sent to children who need them most in some of the toughest parts of the world. We are taking part and have given each family a leaflet explaining more about the appeal. If you would like send a shoebox, please bring them into school on Friday 4 November. Thank you.

Lost Property – this is again full of un-named jumpers/cardigans/coats/fleeces/sweatshirts/jogging trousers/lunch boxes etc. It will be outside on the small playground (or in oak class if wet) on Monday 10 October at 3.15pm. Anything unclaimed will be either thrown away (depending on condition) or sold to any parents for a small donation on Tuesday 11 October. Anything remaining after 3.30pm on Tuesday afternoon will be disposed of.

Creating Our Outdoor Classroom – Saturday 8 October 9am – midday – please come and help us tidy up the woodland area behind the school – bring appropriate tools/protective gloves etc. Sign up sheet in front entrance hall.

Sunday 16 October at 2pm – St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds – This service will be celebrating both 200 years of Church of England Schools and all those involved in education today. Plans for the service include a procession of banners from all the current Church of England Schools and we are hoping that you and your children will be able to join us and that the children will be able to process with our banner. At Easter three special "Light for Life" candles started their journey from the Cathedral to visit all the Church Schools in the diocese and they will return to the Cathedral to be lit again during this special service. If you are able to attend this special Service of Thanksgiving for Education please fill in the reply slip below. Thank you.

To Mr Andrew Frolich – 200 Years of Church of England Schools Service – 16 October at St Edmundsbury Cathedral

My Child _____ Class _____

Would like to take part in the Service and I am able to accompany my child.

Signed _____ Parent/Guardian Date _____

Parent Support Group Messages – Following feedback from parents the Race Night has been re-arranged for Saturday 19 November with an earlier start time of 6pm with the races starting at 6.30pm, so that children are able to attend this event. There will be eight races including a pig race, horse race and a dog race. Do try to come along to this re-arranged event which is suitable for adults and children.

Support Group Non Uniform Day – Tuesday 1 November – All children are invited to come to school in non uniform in return for £1 which will entitle the children to receive a tri-cast ticket for the Race Night. More details from the Support Group to follow.

Support Group Meeting – the next meeting will be on Tuesday 1 November at 8pm at The Kings Head, Hadleigh. All welcome.

World Travellers

Mr. Girling will be running a ‘Word Travellers’ club for children in **Key Stage 2** on a Monday after school from 3.15pm to 4.20pm. The focus of the club is on forming closer links with our partner schools in Kenya and Nepal, as well as learning about the world we live in. The dates for this club are listed below. Please could you complete the form below if your child would like to take part.

Monday 10th October

Monday 17th October

Monday 7th November

Monday 14th November

Monday 21st November

Please note that there will be no club on Monday 31st October.

To Mr. Girling

I would like my child _____ (add name) to attend the World Travellers club beginning on Monday 10th October. I confirm I have noted the dates the club is running.

I will be picking my child up at 4.20pm/have made other arrangements to collect my child _____ (delete as appropriate)

Signed _____

Snacks – These are proving to be very popular. However, one or two of the children have mislaid their 50p. Could you please sent the money in a named envelope/purse? Thank you

School Uniform Orders

A reminder that the next uniform order will be sent in this Friday – 7 October.

Breakfast Club News

Thursday 6 October	Hall games
Friday 7 October	Pastel art
Monday 10 October	Box modelling
Tuesday 11 October	Ten pin bowling
Wednesday 12 October	Small world

Yours sincerely

Andrew Frolish
Headteacher

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