

# St. Marychurch C of E (VA) Primary and Nursery School



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## NEWSLETTER

March 2011

Dear Parents

### **Staff News**

I have been asked by the Bishop of Plymouth to be seconded to the Diocese of Exeter as the Diocesan Director of Education. This role involves oversight and support of the 131 Church schools in our diocese, covering the whole of Devon. This is a great honour for all of us as the work at this church school has been noticed and acknowledged. I will be away for the two half terms from 6<sup>th</sup> June until the start of the second half of the Autumn term. The governors have appointed Mrs Bond as Acting Head from 6<sup>th</sup> June until my return and Mr Long as Acting Deputy. I will remain as Headteacher here during that time. A number of my jobs in my seconded post will be directly linked to new ways of supporting our church schools as a result of the many changes being introduced by the Government, so as a good school with outstanding features, this will benefit us as we have a chance to embrace the new opportunities.

The secondment of serving Headteachers into such posts is gaining wider significance and we have, in Torbay, the Headteachers of Oldway Primary and Paignton Community and Sports College working for the local authority in very senior posts on secondment.

### **Mrs Williams**

I am sorry to report that it appears that Mrs Williams is unlikely to be able to return to work for some time. I have been very grateful to Mrs Cavanna for maintaining continuity with her group. She will, sadly, complete her time with us at the end of term. We are about to interview for a replacement for the summer term and will let you know when that happens. Miss Maunder has had a huge responsibility to keep the team going and as this has been her first year with us it has been a great deal of extra work, but she has done brilliantly.

### **2BC**

We are delighted to welcome Miss Davies back to us to cover while Miss Cornish is ill. The children are working very hard with her and Mrs Bond.

### **Mothering Sunday at Church**

Families are most welcome to attend church on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 10.30am for a special Mothering Sunday service. Children will be given posies of flowers for their mums at this service.

### **Easter Service**

This will be held at church on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 9.00am. All children will meet at the Church at 9.00am for registration rather than at school. Parents, carers and friends are very welcome to join us. The service will be led by Fr. Dexter.

### **Parking**

Following the unannounced visit at the end of the school day by the Police and Traffic Warden on Friday last, it is timely to remind you that parking is also not allowed on the Golf Club overflow car park. However, it is possible to park at the Chilcote Road car park. Parking permits can be obtained from the School Office.

### **Coffee Afternoons**

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2.15pm Early Years - Reception, 1LM, 1SH, 1RL

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April - Key Stage 2, 2.15pm

There will be a raffle for free tickets to a Torquay United match, to be used by the end of this season.

### **Mothering Day Lunch**

Parents Day Lunch : Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2011, Cost £2.82. Come and join your child for lunch at school. Roast port or vegetable lasagne or tuna and mixed pepper salad, selection of fresh vegetables and puddings. Spare slips/order forms in the Foyer.

Yours sincerely

Philip Mantell

Headteacher