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Our Christian Values:

Joy

Kindness

Love

Peace

Autumn Term Newsletter No1

WELCOME BACK:

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you and your families have had a positive summer and the children are well rested and ready for the challenges of the school year ahead. A particularly warm welcome to all our new families, both in Reception and throughout the school. I hope your experiences at the school are positive and successful! It is a pleasure to see so many of you in our smart uniform – thank you for making the effort to promote the uniform promoted here.

May I remind all of you if you have any concerns regarding your child's learning or friendships please speak to your child's class teacher or myself sooner rather than later. Problems can seem to escalate easily but often solved simply if they are discussed quickly.

new pupils church service date?

May I take this opportunity to invite you to meet with child's class teacher and find out more about the school year ahead. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to meet the teacher and find out more about the individual expectations for each class linked to homework, reading, PE kits and so on. Please do try and attend – for dates please see dates sheet attached.

BAD WEATHER:

Summer seems such a long time ago with the rotten weather we have had and are forecast this week! We are very keen that children get fresh air and a chance to run off some steam at their break times – light rain will not put us off going out.....coats are an absolute must! So I ask that you make sure your child has a suitable coat in school every day.

On bad weather mornings I ask that you do not arrive before 8.45 – this is still ten minutes before children need to be in school – so plenty early enough! I will try and open the hall slightly earlier for you to shelter in, but cannot promise to do so, as there may not always be a spare member of staff – class teachers need to be in their classrooms preparing for the working day. I do ask though that you do not leave your children unattended here as I cannot guarantee supervision.

BUILDING WORKS:

You cannot fail to have noticed the ongoing building works at the school – during the summer we have had new fire doors fitted the main reception area of the school. These have improved safety features and a lot more glass – looking much more modern and allowing much more light in, big improvements all round.

The building work at the front of the building is to provide lift access to the top floor of the school for pupils and visitors with mobility difficulties and will be ongoing probably for most of the first half term. The majority of the preparation work was planned for the summer holidays but unforeseen difficulties with the ground work has severely delayed this. The scaffolding will hopefully be removed by early next week but will need to return when the lift housing is ready to be fitted. Quite soon the work on the foundations and alteration of the fire escape will start. This will mean a temporary fire escape and a ‘work area’, both of these will result in reducing the space at the front of school. I am fully aware that this is already tight for space and apologise for any inconvenience but ask that you bear with us during this difficult time.

PARKING:

We are very fortunate to be able to use the car park in Chilcote Close free of charge for half an hour at the start and end of each school day – please make use of this facility by asking at the office for a permit. Parking around school has always and will always be difficult. We are based in a residential area and need to live in harmony with our neighbours, respecting their homes. Please ensure you park courteously and only in public spaces. The residents opposite the school are quite rightly protecting their car park. I ask that you do not park there.

YOUNG WRITERS:

A large group of our Y5 and Y6 pupils entered a national writing competition last year entitled mini-sagas. We believed it to be a genuine national

Competition however it is coming to light it may be a money making scam. I do not wish to detract from the superb pieces of writing the children did but I am unhappy to promote a company selling books at £16.00. I will be contacting the organisation to discuss this matter with them this week and will write to the families concerned with more details shortly.

For up to date information please don't forget our school website
<http://www.st-marychurch-primary.org.uk>

Please attach recent diary...

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 13th September

Friday 16th September

Monday 19th September

Tuesday 20th September

Friday 23rd September

Tuesday 27th September

Wednesday 28th September

Friday 30th September

Tuesday 4th October

Friday 7th October

Monday 10th October

Tuesday 11th October

Friday 14th October

Tuesday 18th October

Thursday 20th October

Upper Junior church

Swimming Y6 1/5

Reception Children Full Day

Junior life skills Y6

Lower Junior Church

Swimming Y6 2/5

2.45pm Open Afternoon, Barbecue
and balloon release

Upper Junior Church

3.30 – 4.30 Parent Support Meeting

Re: Reception Children

Swimming Y6 3/5

Whole School Church

Harvest Festival

Swimming Y6 4/5

Bikeability all week (Y6) 1.15 – 3.15

Lower Junior Church

Friends AGM 5.00pm

Swimming Y6 5/5

School Disco KS1 5.15 – 6.15

KS2 6.30 – 8.00Pm More

information to follow

Upper Junior Church

Pudsey Bear Day serving biscuits

Break up for half term



