

# ST MARYCHURCH C.E. PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER JULY 2009

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **1. Staff**

We say goodbye to Miss Kirman at the end of term. She has fitted in very well here and produced good results for her children. We wish her every success for the future.

### **2. Summer Fair**

Many thanks to all those who helped organise, run stalls and games and who came to support us on Friday evening. It was a very successful event – and raised over £1500. The profit is expected to be around £1000. Thank you very much.

### **3. Year 6 SATs Results**

We are delighted with these results as they reflect the true potential within our school. I'm especially pleased with the results for more able pupils, which shows that we are addressing an issue raised in our 2008 Ofsted report.

To achieve nearly 50% at level 5 (the highest level) in Maths and Science is an amazing result.

Our results are:

Maths	Level 4+ 87 %	of which Level 5 = 46 %
English	Level 4+ 85 %	of which Level 5 = 26%
Science	Level 4+ 87%	of which Level 5 = 46%

Not only that, but we have a good number of children who made much more progress than their expected progress in Key Stage 2.

### **4. Works on the school**

We are having all classrooms, the staff room and the school hall redecorated during the holidays. This is a mammoth operation. Also, the ICT suite is moving (to where Mrs Hetherington's class is now) and the Reception class moving to the Family Learning Centre block. This will release the Reception/Year 1 class to use the current Reception classroom. This is a major operation, funded by capital grant.

We are also having improved kitchen facilities for our new school meal provider, Eden Foodservice.

These are major improvements and the Governors have been greatly helped by the Diocese of Exeter and the appointed team of surveyors.

### **5. After School Club (start of next term)**

The arrangements for this have gone right to the wire. In the middle of last week we had a problem over the length of time that Ofsted registration might take – possibly up to six months. On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July we learned that we could have places for 24 and registration could be completed over the holidays. These decisions are beyond the school's control. Being out of school on Friday at a school sporting event I hadn't been fully updated, so other staff would have been even more unsure. Questions regarding the club should go to Mr and Mrs Hobson (tel: 01803 328913) or to the school office.

The Governors have needed to release this facility and it is not run by the school. It will be a privately run group, commissioned by the Governors, on school premises.

### **6. Extended Services**

New for September

a) Breakfast Club – extended for nursery aged children (£2.20 per person).

b) Nursery

- 1) Increased hours – free 15 hours from 12 ½ hours
- 2) Ability for parents to buy additional hours
- 3) Lunches for nursery aged children

c) After School Childcare Facility – run by Mr. and Mrs. Hobson. This facility has to go for Ofsted registration, which we hope will happen during August.

### **7. Photographs**

We ask all parents that if photographs are taken at school events, only those involving their own children are placed on social network sites. This is to reassure other parents. Thank you.

### **8. “Bugsy Malone” - recording**

This is to remind parents that recording the production is not allowed under the performing rights agreement. I apologise for this, but breaking this agreement could lead the school open to considerable fines.

### **9. Cricket Coaching**

There is a 3 day cricket coaching course at Torquay Cricket Club on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> July with a repeat on Monday – Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> August. **Price £30.** Please contact 01803 294788 or 07771717160 if your child is interested.

### **10. Behaviour outside school times/ on the school site**

I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that they must not get involved with 'telling off' other children on the school site. If a child's behaviour is causing you concern either during school time or at the beginning or end of day on the school site please speak to a member of staff who will deal with the children involved.

It is also important to encourage children not to bring in any disputes from home into school as we are unable to deal with incidents which have not happened in school. We are always keen to know about any problems the children might be having and we would be keen to support them, however we cannot get involved in sorting these issues out.

Finally may I remind you to consider the language you use when on school grounds. We have recently had a few complaints about aggressive and foul language being used around the children. We are all role models to all of our children and would not tolerate this language from them.

### **11. MEALTIME ASSISTANTS NEEDED!**

We are in need of two Mealtime assistants who would be keen to work with two children new to our school. The children have varied needs and require some 1:1 support. One of the posts is a fixed term job for two terms initially. Although only an hour each day (12.30 – 1.30) it is both a challenging and rewarding post. It also allows you to earn a small income whilst still fitting in around school times for your child.

**If you or anyone you know might be interested in these posts please contact the school office for an application form.**

### **12. SCHOOL DINNERS**

**The cost of a School meal will rise to £1.90 per meal (£9.50 per week) from September 2009.**

### **13. Swine Flu**

Please find attached a letter to all Parents/Carers from Torbay NHS Care Trust.

#### **With Thanks:**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support over the last year and look forward to the new challenges ahead in September. I hope you all have a restful summer holiday.

The first day of the new school year will be **Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> September.**

Best wishes.

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