

ST MARYCHURCH C.E. PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL

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Our Christian values:

Joy

Kindness

Love

Peace

'Doing our very best and caring for each other'

NEWSLETTER MARCH 2010

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our March 2010 Newsletter. We have had a very busy half term so far.

1. BICYCLE PARKING

Although there has been a delay in completing the installation of the bike park, we need to plan about who will be able to use it and under what rules. The maximum usage is 20 bikes.

The regulations will be:-

1. Only those children with a Bikeability Certificate will be able to park bikes. This can be achieved in school or at other courses run by Torbay Council. We will need to see your certificate and a copy will be held by the school.
2. Bicycles must be in good condition – especially including brakes.
3. Children must wear a cycle helmet.
4. Bike riders must show consideration towards others when wheeling bikes inside the school grounds. No bikes are to be ridden inside the school grounds.
5. Bikes should be locked when parked.
6. Bikes should be equipped with lights during the winter months.

It is very important that we protect bike riders and their bikes.

2. HAITI APPEAL

Following the hugely successful appeal that eventually totalled £435.85 I have received notification that a numbered Shelter Box did arrive in Port-au-Prince and was used. Thank you to all who generously donated to this appeal.

3. SPONSORED READ

Thank you to all the parents who supported our recent Sponsored Read event for World Book day. We are very grateful to all who were able to attend. If your child was sponsored please send in the money as soon as possible. Thank you.

4. SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The book fair is now here! You will be able to browse and buy books each day after school, between 3.15pm and 3.45pm, until Tuesday 16th March. Please come along and take a look.

5. COOKERY CLUB

Thank you to the Brown family for their generosity with a discount for fruit and vegetables used for our cookery club. Also thank you to Lloyd Maunders for their discount for meat used.

The next cookery group will start in April.

6. CLUBS

There are still **places available** for the Year 1/2 and Year 3/4 Football Clubs and also the KS2 Cheerleading. If your child is interested please ask for a form from the school office. If these clubs are well supported we hope that they will continue at the school.

7. THE ST MARYCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOL, NIKE RAIN JACKET

Details will be sent out shortly inviting you to buy our brand new school rain jacket if you wish. These are, of course, optional and will be available for both adults and children. An example will be on display each day by the admin office for you to view.

8. PARKING IN HARTOP ROAD

We have had several requests from residents of Hartop Road, that parents and visitors to the school make further efforts to park with consideration. On several occasions residents have been unable to leave or enter their home due to people parking on the pavement and too close to the entrance to their property!

May I take the opportunity again to urge parents, carers and visitors to the school to please park safely and with consideration for others at all times - particularly with regard to pedestrians, and also our neighbours' access to their premises.

Please use Chilcote Close Car Park -Torbay Council allows our parents to use the Chilcote Close Car Park, provided the following terms and conditions are met:

Free parking will only be provided for parents and guardians of children attending St Marychurch CE Primary & Nursery School, between 8.40 am and 9.10 am and between 3.00 pm and 3.30 pm on school days, provided a valid permit is displayed in the windscreen of the vehicle. If parents need a longer period, i.e. to talk with teachers or other parents, they must purchase a ticket from the machine. Failure to comply with these arrangements will result in an excess charge notice being served.

Permits can be obtained from the school office.

9. CLASS LED WORSHIP

Parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to our class led worship this term. A reminder of the dates:-

Class 1HJ Monday, 15th March at 2.45pm

Class 1LM Friday, 19th March at 2.45pm

10. SCHOOL CALENDAR

An updated school calendar is attached for your information. You can also find these dates on our school website www.st-marychurch-primary.org.uk

11. CHANGE ARRANGEMENTS FOR EASTER CHURCH SERVICE

Please note: There will be an Easter Service at the church for **Children from Year 1 to Year 6 on Tuesday 30th March.** Please take your child to the church for registration at 8.55am on this day. Thank you.

There will not be a service on Thursday 1st April.

Yours sincerely

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