



Our school is a friendly and vibrant community, where all of God's children flourish and gain the knowledge, wisdom and skills needed to care about themselves, their community and their world.

Friday 10th November 2023

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have felt the autumn breezes this week and the school is shedding its final leaves of the year. But none of this changing season has dampened our spirits and the school has been ablaze with learning and fun. To begin with, we started the week with so much joy as the Year 1 children led us on a journey of kindness in Collective Worship on Monday. They were so confident and so brave to stand in front of the whole school and remind us that kindness is free. I have a feeling their Nativity is going to be amazing!

There are little hints of Christmas preparations all around the school. Everywhere you go, children are singing Christmas songs and in Year 4, the children had a special visitor in their DT lesson - it was from Relf the Elf who'd clearly got bored of sitting on the shelf!

But this week has also been filled with preparations for our Remembrance Service on Friday. Today, our Worship Leaders planted a bed of memorial poppies in our Worship Garden. They also wrote some beautiful prayers and poems which were read out to the rest of the school and which helped us to remember brave and courageous people who lost their lives fighting for their country.

In these troubled times, we have been reminding the children of the importance of peace and unity and have encouraged them to fight for a world where conflicts are resolved through dialogue and understanding, rather than violence, and to work towards a future where the sacrifices of the past are not in vain.

And finally, I have spent some time in every classroom this week and I can tell you that the quality of teaching which your children are receiving is wonderful! All members of staff are constantly reflecting on how they can make the learning experience for the children even better and I couldn't be prouder of them.

Now I'm off to the shops to start my Christmas shopping. Have a lovely weekend everyone,

Amanda



Prayer of the Week

Dear God,
Thank you for peace in our country and making it safe for people.
Thank you for the poppies which help us understand what they went through.
Please stop all wars.
Amen

Gabriella Year 4



ST MARY & ST EANSWYTHE FOLKESTONE

Could you be our new Parish Administrator?

St Mary & St Eanswythe Church in Folkestone are looking for a Parish Administrator to start as soon as possible.

Hours: 7 hours per week, with flexible working. Mostly located in the Parish Office at St Mary & St Eanswythe Church but many tasks can be completed from home when necessary.

Pay: the National Living Wage, currently £10.42 per hour, with paid holiday pro rata.

You'll be helping our church to function well administratively. That means being efficient, but also being kind. So you'll maintain efficient systems of working and record-keeping. But you'll also work kindly and patiently with church members, partner organisations and enquirers of all kinds, including couples wanting to be married or parents booking christenings.

You'll need good IT skills, with the ability to use the Microsoft Office suite of software; the Google suite of apps, and a variety of social media platforms, including Facebook and Instagram.

Please apply via email to Jenny Coleman: jenny46bythesea@outlook.com

Closing date for applications: 1 Dec 2023 Interviews: 11 Dec 2023

Job Description and Application form are available on our church website at: <https://stmaryandstanswythe.org/>

For an informal chat about the role, please phone 01303 252947 and leave your name and number. Rosie, our present administrator, will call you back.



Dates for your Diary

Monday 13th November	Odd Socks Day
Wednesday 15th November	Small Uniform Swap - KS2 Hall at 14:45
Friday 17th November	Children in Need Day
Tuesday 21st November	Year 2 Showcase Learning
Wednesday 22nd November	Flu Vaccinations for Pupils
Friday 1st December	Tag Day to raise money for the Christmas Grotto
Tuesday 5th December	KS1 Christmas Disco at 15:30
Thursday 7th December	National Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 7th December	YR Nativity – KS2 Hall at 09:30
Thursday 7th December	Years 3 and 4 Christmas Disco at 15:30
Thursday 7th December	Years 5 and 6 Christmas Disco at 17:00
Friday 8th December	Y1 Nativity – KS2 Hall at 14:15
Monday 11th December	Explorers' Christmas Craft session at 13:45
Tuesday 12th December	Adventurers' Christmas Craft session at 13:45
Wednesday 13th December	Whole School Trip to the Pantomime
Thursday 14th December	Y2 Carol Service – KS1 Hall at 10:00
Thursday 14th December	KS2 Carol Service at Harbour Church at 13:45
Thursday 14th December	Christmas Dance Show (Dance Club) at 16:00
Friday 15th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day for Children
Friday 15th December	Last day of Term 2
Tuesday 2nd January	First day of Term 3

St Mary's Dance Club

The children at dance club are raising money for t-shirts that they can wear to competitions and shows. To raise some money, the children and the PTFA are running a raffle to win the brilliant Elf seen below in the picture with the children. Raffle tickets are a £1 each.

If you would like to purchase a raffle ticket, please pop £1 in a named envelope and drop it in to the school office. We will allocate your child a number and let the winner know after the draw. If you wish to purchase more than one ticket, please state on the front of the envelope.

The raffle will be drawn on Thursday 7th December.
Thank you for your support.



THE GREAT SPOTACULAR

**BBC
CHILDREN
IN NEED**

Children in Need

Friday 17th November

To support Children in Need, we are having a non-uniform, spotty clothes day, on Friday 17th November. The children are also welcome to wear any Pudsey accessories they may have. Please can we ask that all clothing, footwear and accessories are suitable for a normal school day.

Mrs Harrison will be in the playground with her collection bucket to collect any donations.

As always, thank you for your support.

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UNIFORM SWAP SHOP

The PTFA will be holding a small uniform Swap Shop on
Wednesday 15th November
KS2 Junior Hall
3:00- 3:30 pm.
All welcome

We do not require any uniform donations at the moment
Thank you



Wear it, love it, share it!



Preloved Christmas Jumpers

If you have any preloved children's Christmas jumpers that you no longer need, we would love to have them.

Thank you