



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 20th October 2023

Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

And so, we come to the end of Term 1. It has been a very busy but an incredibly productive and satisfying term as the children have settled so well into their new classes. This was further confirmed at Parents' Evening when so many of you heard stories from the teachers of how well your children have adjusted to the challenges of a new Year Group and how many successes they have had already. Thank you to each and every one of you, for your support and interest in your child's learning. Thank you too, to our wonderful Governors, for coming out to support the Parents' Evenings and helping to serve our hard-working teachers with a half time pizza break.

All week, we have been celebrating Harvest, and it has been so good to remember to thank God for all our food and drink but also to consider those, both locally and globally, who don't have enough to eat. Thank you for all your generous donations of food this week which will feed, and be a blessing, to many in our own town. Thank you for teaching your child to be kind and thoughtful and to consider others. Thank you too, to the children, for leading us so beautifully in our Harvest Services.

Once again, I have had the privilege of showing lots of visitors around the school and they have all remarked on how happy the children are. It has been wonderful to see so many exciting things going on in the lessons: some have been making wooden hedgehogs, others have been weaving like the Vikings, others have been painting autumn leaves and turning cardboard boxes into planetariums! What a creative bunch you all are!

And finally, I'd like to sign this term off by thanking all the staff for their relentless commitment to the children. It is the staff who make St. Mary's the best place to be and I am grateful to every member of this school family - the Site Team, the Teaching Assistants, the Pastoral Team, the IT support, the Lunch Time staff, the Admin Staff, the Cleaners, the Leadership Team and the Class Teachers. As Mother Teresa said, 'Together, we can do great things.' Have a wonderful break everyone - and stay safe.

Amanda



Prayer of the Week

Dear God,

Thank you for Harvest. Thank you for all the people that have donated to the food bank and Rainbow Centre. Thank you for all of the animals and plants that give us food.

Please help people in need so that we can all have enough food to eat.

Teddy Year 5



St Mary's Church of England Primary Academy

Have you chosen a school for September?

Before you do, come and see our wonderful school and all that we offer, including:

- ♦ A Huge Forest School
- ♦ Large Grounds and Space for Play
- ♦ Fun and Meaningful Learning
- ♦ Outstanding Reception Learning Environment

Please contact our school office to book in an individual tour of our school with our Head Teacher, Amanda Wolfram.

Contact Number: (01303) 251390

Friendship

Compassion

Service

Forgiveness

Poppy Appeal

As per previous years, we are supporting The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.

After the half term holiday, the children will be able to purchase various Poppy related items during their breaktime.

All monies raised will help support the Armed Forces community.

Thank you.



Polite Reminder

Please can we remind you that Folkestone Sports Centre does not permit visitors to take photos or videos of children swimming in the pool.

Folkestone Sports Centre has advised us that the areas where mobile phones and cameras are not to be used are clearly signposted, this does include the viewing gallery that overlooks the pool.

We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

Thank you.



Uniform Swap Shop

We would like to say a huge thank you to our Year 6 children, the PTFA and to you all for making our Uniform Swap Shop such a success. We are already planning the next one!

