



# St. Mary's Primary School

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## Newsletter

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2011

### Staffing:

You may well know that there will be some staff leaving at the end of this term.

I will be retiring from being Headteacher, but I will still be working part time as the Chair of Bideford Learning Community, so for the next couple of years I will be involved in education locally.

Miss Gill after two years with us is moving to Exeter, having been appointed to a Year 1 post at The Castle Primary School in Tiverton.

Mr. Leigh after three years with us is moving back to the Exeter area to continue with his teaching career.

I would like to thank both of them for their hard work while they have been with us, and wish them well in their future careers.

Dr. Fancourt has had her period of secondment to Combe Martin Primary extended for 12 months from September.

There will therefore be a number of changes for the next year.

Mr. Scarrett takes over as Acting Headteacher while the Governors seek someone to fill the permanent post.

Mrs. O'Dell will be Acting Deputy Headteacher in addition to her roles as leader of the Foundation Stage and SENCo.

Mrs. Bunting will be Acting Team Leader of Years 5 & 6 with responsibility for Mathematics, and Miss Stacey takes on responsibility for Science.

We have appointed three new teachers. Miss Aimie Trathen who comes to us from Newport Primary School in Barnstaple, Miss Stephanie Golson who is moving from West Croft junior School, and Miss Martha Unwin who is just completing her training as a teacher.

**The staffing for September** therefore looks like this:

Acting Headteacher - Mr. Scarrett

### **Years 5 & 6:**

Mrs Bunting - Team Leader, Miss Gibbons & Miss Stacey.

### **Years 3 & 4:**

Mrs. Blincow - Team Leader, Miss Skinner, Miss Golson.

### **Years 1 & 2:**

Year 2 - Miss Trathen and Miss Unwin

Year 1 - Miss Prince - Team Leader, and Miss Ayres

**Foundation Stage:** Mrs. O'Dell (Acting Deputy Headteacher, Team Leader and SENCo) sharing with Mrs. Taylor-Short, and Mrs Malcolm.

Additionally we will be running a number of intervention and support programmes for pupils in the next 12 months.

### To help with Reading and Writing:

Years 1 & 2 Reading Recovery with Mrs. Douse in the mornings and Mrs. Townshend in the afternoons, Years 3 & 4 English 1 to 1 tuition with Mrs Stevens.

**To help with Maths:** Year 1 Essex Maths and Year 2 & 3 Maths Intervention Programme with Mrs. McLean, and in Years 5 & 6 Maths 1 to 1 tuition with Mr. Robinson.

Along with all our other excellent staff of Teaching Assistants and Education Assistants (who cover classes for absent teachers), the school will be fully staffed in September and very well placed for all children to have the opportunity to make good progress.

### Summer Fayre:

This year it will take place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July from 11.00 to 3.00pm. This year's attractions will include: **BOUNCY CASTLE & BOUNCY SLIDE** (weather permitting), **SOAK THE TEACHER, HOOP THE BOTTLE, HOOK-A-DUCK, CAKE STALL, RAFFLE, TOMBOLA, B-B-Q, REFRESHMENTS, BEER TENT,** etc. etc. It will be wonderful day with lots to enjoy. Please come and have fun and bring all the family.

### Governors:

Sean Gaskin is coming to the end of his period of office and with his youngest child leaving for secondary school he will not be standing again. If you are interested in standing as a Parent Governor, the elections will be in September, so look out for the forms. If you want any further details about being a governor, Mrs. Westlake who is clerk to the Governors will be pleased to help. Contact her in Reception.

### School uniform:

In September the school uniform will change from white to gold polo shirts. On 6<sup>th</sup> July there will be the last School Uniform Shop in the Foyer from 3.00 to 3.30pm. Anything ordered then will be delivered by the end of term. On 7<sup>th</sup> July, from 3.00 to 3.30pm there will be the monthly sale of 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform in Foyer.

### End of Term Dates:

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July: Year 3 & 4 Parent Consultations

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July: Year 5 & 6 Parent Consultations

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> July 11 - 3pm Summer Fayre

Monday & Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> July Year 6 Bideford College Transition days

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July am: children to new classes

Thursday & Friday 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> July: Rainbow Days

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July 9am end of Term Service for all children @ St. Mary's Church

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July: Non-uniform Day

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 7pm: Summer Concert

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 9.15am: leavers' Assembly in the School Hall.