



St. Mary's Primary School

Website: www.stmarysco.uk

Newsletter

Friday 12th November 2010

Questionnaires:



Before Half Term questionnaires were sent out asking for your views on a very wide range of areas of school life. On the basis of one questionnaire per child, just over 1 in 5 (22%) were returned. **Some of the key**

statistics from the returned forms are:

- Quality of Science teaching - 78% think it is good
 - English - 83% think learning is good
 - Maths - 75% think quality of learning is good
 - Governors - 55% think they are doing a good job
 - Mobile classrooms - 69% are not satisfied with their quality
 - 65% are pleased with the way we manage children's behaviour
 - Homework - 18% are unhappy about it
 - Learning - 46% admit to not knowing much about their children's learning
 - Website - 58% rate it highly
 - Play areas - 78% rate them highly
 - Buildings - 84% are pleased with the recent improvements
 - PFSM - 86% are happy with it
 - 88% of you feel able to talk to staff if you need to.
- These, and all the other data and comments we have from the questionnaire will be carefully digested and considered over the coming months. If you took part in the survey, thank you. If you did not, your voice has not been heard!

PFSM:



There is a **FAMILY BINGO NIGHT TONIGHT!!** Doors open at 6.30pm, (in the school hall) eyes down 7.00pm. Refreshments will be available, along with a raffle. Everyone is welcome.

The **FAMILY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP TO EXETER** is now booked for Saturday 27th November. The coach will depart at 9.00am from outside St Mary's School and will leave Exeter

around 5.30pm to return to Bideford. Tickets are £8.50 and have been available to purchase all this week, and will continue to be sold from 2.45pm Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday next week. This trip is open to anyone who wishes to come, however tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis. With only 33 seats available, and a percentage already sold, you need to be quick. If you wish to purchase tickets after Wednesday, please see a member of the PFSM or email PFSM@stmarysco.uk.

MONEY TO SCHOOLS - Recycle your old printer inkjets and used mobile phones. The PFSM are collecting these in the school reception.

The next general PFSM meeting is scheduled for Friday 19th November, venue TBC.

2nd hand uniform:

2nd hand uniform is on sale on the first Thursday of the month in the foyer.

Children in Need:

Please see the letter from the School Council which should arrive with this newsletter.

Electronic communication:

If you would like newsletters emailed to you, please leave your email address with Reception. Newsletters are also available on the school website. Also, the school can be contacted at admin@stmarysco.uk and the Governors at govs@stmarysco.uk Aladdin at the Queen's theatre, Barnstaple.

If you were Aladdin what would your three wishes be? Barnstaple People website have a family ticket for this year's pantomime, Aladdin, at the Queen's Theatre in Barnstaple to give away.

All you have to do is go to

www.barnstaplepeople.co.uk/groups/performingarts/WIN-TICKETS-ALADDIN-QUEEN-S-THEATRE-BARNSTAPLE/story-10120335-detail/story.html and tell them what your three wishes would be if you found a magic lamp. To enter just post your three wishes in the comments box below along with your name (and age if you are under 18).

The Genie of the Lamp, Vivienne McMaster, will choose the best entry (this could be the most original, funniest or most inspirational three wishes) and the winner will be presented with a family ticket to see Aladdin at the Queen's Theatre in Barnstaple.