



St. Mary's C of E (VC) Primary School

Devon County Council. Children and Young People's Services

Acting Headteacher: **Adrian Scarrett BEd (Hons)**

Chanters Road

Bideford

Devon EX39 2QN

Telephone: 01237477288 Fax: 01237423450

e-mail: admin@stmarysco.co.uk

website: www.stmarysco.co.uk

25th November 2011

Dear Parents

This term is racing through and we have been very pleased with the way that the children have settled in to the differences in routines and classes. Christmas will soon be upon us and the children are practicing hard for their productions which I hope you will all be able to attend.

This letter is just to show you some of the fantastic things that your children have been up to during this term. Many of these photos, and many others, appear on the television screen in the foyer. Please feel free to pop in and look at them anytime. They are changed every couple of weeks. Some of them may also appear on the school's website, which is updated weekly.

Year 3/4 Gardening

The Year 3/4 children have been working on a carousel of activities on a Wednesday afternoon. The rotation comprises learning the ukulele, developing art skills and working on the gardening patch in the environmental area. Amongst other things the children have done a minibeast hunt and dug over the vegetable plots.



Lantern Parade

During half term many of our children (a huge number of Foundation Stage!) attended the lantern parade to celebrate the Burton Art Gallery's 60th Anniversary.



Platform 2

On Thursday 17th November a new company called **Platform 2** came in to work with Year 2 and Swifts. The children had a fabulous time and I am hoping to get the company back in to work with the other children after Christmas. The company is starting a weekend Performing Arts School in Bideford in February and I will send out information from them when I receive it. They used dance and drama to work through Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *The Tempest* with Year 2.



The Swifts acted out the story of Macbeth and thoroughly enjoyed learning a story that was very new to them. Can you spot the 3 witches?!



Bideford Town Band

As another of our Music Year activities our Town Band came in to perform for the children and demonstrate the instruments that they use.



Jasmine Fey of Year 4, who plays in the town band, performed on her tenor horn. They even let me join in!

Sports Clubs

Our Year 5/6 netball team attended an 8-team tournament at Kingsley school. They played 6 games and won 5. They played brilliantly and came second overall. They are off to another tournament on Sunday at Park School.

The Year 5/6 football team played in a tournament at Sandymere. They played 5 games, winning three drawing one and losing one.

They all represented the school admirably and I'm very proud of them. Well done everyone!



Church

Yesterday the whole school attended church to join in the celebration of the 400th Anniversary of the King James' Authorised version of the Bible. There is an exhibition on at St Mary's Church until 5th December that you are all welcome to visit.



I would like to thank all the staff, the children and you for supporting the school in its ability to offer such a variety of opportunities to enhance the children's learning experience.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Adrian Scarrett.

Adrian Scarrett
Acting Headteacher