



St. Mary's Primary School

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Newsletter

Friday 24th September 2010

Appledore Book Festival:



Next week KS2 will be receiving visits from two famous authors as part of the Appledore Book Festival. On Tuesday morning they will be meeting David Laurence Jones who has written The Amazing Adventures of Bradley Baker -

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Class Acts of Worship:

Each class will be leading two acts of worship this year; they take place on Friday mornings and parents, friends and relations are most welcome to join with the children. If you have young children who find it difficult to sit quietly and enjoy the assembly, we ask that you don't allow them to spoil the occasion for the rest of the audience (and the 350 children), and take them to the creche which is provided in the Foundation Stage area.

The dates for each class are:

- October 8th - Buzzards
- October 15th - Puffins
- October 22nd - Sandpipers
- November 12th - Bitterns
- November 19th - Seagulls
- November 26th - Skylarks
- January 14th - Greenfinches
- January 21st - Firecrests
- January 28th - Goldfinches
- February 4th - Sandpipers
- March 4th - Lapwings
- March 11th - Bitterns
- March 18th - Dabchicks
- March 25th - Magpies
- April 1st - Lapwings
- May 27th - Seagulls
- June 10th - Dabchicks
- June 17th - Magpies
- June 24th - Skylarks
- July 1st - Goldfinches
- July 8th - Puffins

In addition, Year 6 children will be hosting a 'farewell' service on the last day of the summer term.

International Schools Award:



As you will know, the school has been involved in a 'Comenius Project' for the last two years. This has involved visits to and from our partners in Spain, Italy, Hungary and the Falklands. That project has now ended and we are in the process of setting up links with a school in Delhi (India) and northern Uganda. The result is that it is now recognised that the school, staff and children have "worked so hard to co-ordinate such an impressive range of work. They are a credit to the school and the wider community" (British Council comments on granting the award.)

Thank you to everyone who has worked hard for this accolade, and I hope that the latest international links will enrich the education we offer all children at St. Mary's.

PFSM activities: (contact: pfsm@stmarysco.uk)

The PFSM would like to announce some dates for your diary. AGM - Friday 15th October, 6.30pm, school hall (everyone welcome). Next general PFSM meeting - Friday 1st November, 6.30pm, venue to be announced. Family Bingo Night - Friday 12th November, school hall, doors open 6.30pm. Christmas Fair - Friday 3rd December, 6pm, school hall. Children's Christmas Disco - Friday 10th December. KS1 5.45pm - 7.15pm / KS2 7.30pm - 9.00pm.

Also, we are looking into organising a Christmas shopping trip to Exeter on Saturday 27th November 2010. The trip will be open to everyone, friends and family. If you think you would be interested in coming along, please let us know how many seats you would be interested in booking by completing the attached form and returning to the main school office as soon as possible. Prices for this trip will be communicated very soon.

The PFSM has registered the school with Music Magpie & Fonebank which means we can turn your old CDs, DVDs & mobile phones into cash. If you have any CDs, DVDs or old mobile phones you no longer want please bring them in to school, there are collection boxes in reception. We have already raised over £100 with Music Magpie & the money raise benefits all the children at St Mary's.

Reminders:

Please remember that:

- ★ The only snack that children should have is fresh fruit or vegetables. All KS1 children are provided with some under the government scheme
- ★ After 8.50am when the duty staff arrive on the playgrounds, there is no need for parents to stay, but if you choose to, would you please not wait on the playgrounds or the steps. Thank you for your co-operation.
- ★ Yr 3 & 4 Parent consultations are on Tuesday 5th October.
- ★ This newsletter can be accessed from the school website, and if any of you would like to receive it by email, please give your electronic address to the office.