



Primary News

15th November 2017

Dates for your diary

Fri 17 th Nov	Children in Need Spotty Day and Cake Sale
Tues 21 st Nov	PTFA Film Night (details to follow)
Weds 22 nd Nov	Year 1&2 to Fleet Air Museum, Yeovil
Fri 24 th Nov	Non-uniform day (bring an item for chocolate tombola)
Fri 1 st Dec	Christmas Fair 3-5.30pm
Weds 6 th Dec	Rec/1/2 Nativity (afternoon and evening performances)
Mon 11 th Dec	Flu Vaccines from School Nurse (R/1/2/3/4)
Thurs 14 th Dec	Christmas Service in Church (9.15am)
Fri 15 th Dec	Carols Around the Tree 1.15pm
Fri 15 th Dec	Last day of term Finish at 2pm
Mon 18 th Dec - Mon 1 st Jan	Christmas Holidays
Tues 2 nd - Weds 3 rd Jan	INSET Days (No children in school)
Thurs 4 th Jan	Children return to school for Spring Term

Our Christian Value this half term is



Celebration Assemblies

We are delighted to welcome so many of you to our Friday Celebration Assemblies - it is great to have so much support and share in your children's successes!

Please remember, however, that these assemblies are to celebrate all of the children, so do try to stay until the end.

Spotlight on Being a Church of England School

The Christian character of our school positively contributes to the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of our children by providing opportunities for them to learn about other people's faiths, their feelings and values during Collective Worship, reflection times, RE lessons and extra-curricular activities.

Within school, we embrace Christian Values. These values underpin our collective worship, linked to the festivals and seasons of the church calendar, and enrich our whole school ethos.

During Collective Worship, we provide opportunities for spiritual growth and development in our children and adults, demonstrated through the teachings of Jesus, other stories and anecdotes from children and adults.

When teaching RE in the classroom, we follow the locally-agreed syllabus from the Salisbury Diocese. Children learn about a wide range of world religions, which encourages and develops understanding and tolerance.

As a Church of England School, in addition to regular OFSTED inspections, we are inspected as part of the SIAMS process (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools).

We are delighted with our report from April 2016 and are proud to say we were judged overall to be a **GOOD** church school.

- *Children say, 'Christian values bring us together and help us to sort out situations'*
- *Reflection areas and the recently introduced reflection journals make a valuable contribution to children's growing awareness of spirituality*
- *The whole school ethos is enriched by worship and the impact is evident in children's attitudes, behaviour and relationships*
- *Parents say they are fully informed through newsletters and that questionnaires give them opportunities to give their views.*
- *Parents particularly value the appointment of an Emotional Literacy Support Assistant (ELSA) from whom they say support has been excellent*
- *Parents believe this positive caring ethos based on Christian values has brought 'the soul back into the school' and that their children are valued as individuals and 'genuinely learn life skills for the future through the Christian faith'*

Parents do have the right to withdraw their child from Religious Education and Collective Worship. Please arrange to come and see us if you have any concerns.

Non-Uniform Days

With the forthcoming non-uniform days, please ensure children are dressed in clothing suitable for their school day. We are seeing an increasing number of mini-skirts/shorts, high-heeled shoes and Heelies. You and your children also need to remember it is winter now, so please ensure that their clothing and shoes are warm and weather-proof.

Thank you for your support.