



PARISH CHURCH OF
ST. MARY THE VIRGIN
OXENHOPE

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Church of England Primary School

BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE



25th September 2009

A big thank you for all of your donations of tinned and dried foods for our Harvest Festival which took place this afternoon.

Could I also thank those of you who joined us for our first event at St Mary's of this academic year. I have to say that the children did remarkably well to prepare their presentations in such a short time. Well done to all the staff for helping them to get ready for this.

We were joined by Mrs Fiona Beevers from the Diocese of Ripon and Bradford who brought along Reverend Bellow and the Headmaster from Hope School in Sudan. The children were treated to a slide show of Hope school in this morning's celebration assembly. Our special visitors were also interviewed by members of our 'eco-team' after this afternoon's service.

Finally, can I remind you that you are all most welcome to take part in this Sunday's Harvest Festival in church. Every child in school has prepared a card figure to represent themselves and these will be on display for all to see.

Calendars and Christmas cards.

Last week the Friends of Oxenhope School wrote to you all about their intentions to produce a 2010 calendar featuring all our children. This is something that they have done successfully before and this time the theme is colours.

The photographs will be taken this coming Tuesday so please try to find a shirt, t-shirt, jumper etc which is the same colour as the month of their birthday.

January = Blue, February = Purple, March = Green, April = Orange, May = Yellow or Gold, June = Red, July = Blue, August = Purple or Pink, September = Green, October = orange, November = Yellow or Gold & December = Red.

If for any reason you do not want your child to feature in the calendar please contact your child's classteacher.

Over the coming week all the children will be designing Christmas cards which will then be sent away to be professionally made. These can be ordered and they will be back with you in time for you to use this year.

Sales of calendars and Christmas cards will generate funds for school projects, so please support these if you can.

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A few little reminders.

In last weeks newsletters I wrote about the following;

1. Working party in the environmental area tomorrow morning from 9:30am. Please come along to help maintain this area.
2. Please return your 'family learning' questionnaires which were attached to last weeks newsletter so I can start to arrange some of these free courses for you and your children. Extra copies are available in the 'news' section of the school website and we will need 16 families to ensure any of the courses run.

Sport, sport, sport!!

Congratulations to Mrs Alvey and the girls football team who thoroughly enjoyed themselves at this weeks Marley competition. The girls won a number of games and were wonderful ambassadors for our school. On Tuesday it will be the turn of the boy's team. Come on lads I know you will do us proud!

Good luck also to the Netball team who start their league matches on Monday evening at Holy Family School.

We also have the Bradford schools cross country competition at Bradford and Bingley rugby club to look forward to on Wednesday after school.

Can I remind you that Football coaching with Mr Richard Taylor starts on Wednesday straight after school. This will run for 10 weeks.

No celebration assembly next week.

We have a prior booking for the Hall next Friday so our celebration assembly will not be taking place. There will be an assembly the week after and every Friday after that. Please join us if you can.

This weeks 'star award' winners

Beth Davies – Bronte
Daisy Dimitrijevic – Lister
Cecily Gomersall – Hockney
Ellie Coates- Moore – Butterfield
Olivia Nichols – Devonshire
Megan Haley – Priestley
Chris Tate – Macmillan

Lunchtime superstars

Jack Peel – Bronte
Dempsey Armitage – Devonshire

Weekly attendance award

Bronte with 99% attendance.

On SUNDAY 11th OCTOBER,

St. Mary's Church will be 160 years old! In 1849, on this very date, the church was consecrated by the Bishop of Ripon, and every year about this time, there is a service of celebration and thanksgiving. In 1845, one man made it his mission to go out and get contributions to a building fund for a church, a school and a vicarage. That man was the Rev. Joseph Brett Grant, a Curate to Rev. Patrick Bronte, so committed was he, that he wore out 14 pairs of shoes, in order to get enough money to complete his task, and by 1852, ALL these buildings were in place! This year, we begin a NEW decade, and we look forward in faith, hope and love.

At school, there are NEW things to celebrate also – a new headteacher and deputy headteacher; a new team of staff; new friends; a new term at the beginning of a new school year. So, we think it will be good to CELEBRATE TOGETHER!!

Come along to St. Mary's at 10am to give thanks for all those who have played a part in the life of church and school in former times, and to encourage and support one another as we look at ways we can work together to build strong links between church, school, home and community.

Yours sincerely

Mr D Burns
Headteacher