



Dear Parents,

Thank you so much to everyone who sent clothes into school for the Churches Together in Axminster collection for Samara's Aid Appeal. We had a really good response and Jeny Butler, one of our parishioners, collected all the bags to get the clothes packaged up and sent off. They will be distributed to refugees who are currently enduring freezing winters in the mountains of Lebanon and Turkey.

You will have seen recently that roofers have been into school to fix our flat roof at the front of the building. I think they picked the coldest days of the winter so far to carry out the work but we are all thankful that it has been completed, particularly with all the rain we have had recently.

It has been lovely to welcome 5 new children to our school recently. Amelia has joined Eagles class and Mia has joined Owls. Also sisters Madison, Scarlett and Isabella have joined Kestrels, Woodpeckers and Robins respectively. We welcome all of the children and hope they have a really happy time with us.

As you will have read, we have our Section 48 (Canon 806) inspection next week on Tuesday and Wednesday. We will have two inspectors from Plymouth Diocese with us for the 2 days looking at our teaching, liturgy, assemblies, prayer time, the children's RE work as well as talking to staff and children. We will receive a written report approximately 2 weeks after the inspection which will be shared with you. If you have not yet completed your parent questionnaire, please drop it into the office over the next couple of days.

School Uniform

A number of children have been coming to school recently without full and correct uniform. Could I please remind you that children should be wearing button through shirts or blouses with a school tie. Polo shirts are not part of our winter uniform.

We have also had an interesting array of socks recently. Girls should be wearing white socks or navy blue tights. Boys should be wearing dark socks – black, grey or navy. We should not be seeing any colourful or patterned socks or tights.

Finally, if children are wearing hair bands, slides, hair ties etc, these should be navy blue and should be suitable for school.

Gospel Values

Our Gospel values for the last two weeks have been:

Week beginning Monday 18 January

Gospel reading: John 2:1 - 11

Gospel value: Believe and trust in Jesus to help you in times of difficulty. Pray to him for his help.

Week beginning Monday 25 January

Gospel reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12 – 30

Gospel value: We are all part of God's family. Each one of us has special gifts which God has given us.

Biscuits for sale

Robin Class will be selling iced shortbread biscuits at break time tomorrow (Thursday 28th January). Please send your child in with 50p to buy a biscuit. This is Robin's response to our Camel Challenge for each class to raise money for CAFOD.

Catholic children's society orange box.

We have an orange collecting box in the hallway by the office for donations of the following:

*used postage stamps - please leave a 1cm border around the stamps.

*old coins from any currency

*unused keys

*old watches

If you have any of these items that you wish to donate, please pop into school and drop them in the box.

Car Parking

Could we please remind you again that no parent should be parking in the car park at drop off or pick up time unless they are displaying a blue disability badge or have had permission from Mrs Herrera. This includes stopping across the parking bays at the front of the car park by the school sign or in next door's driveway. Also a parent was observed hitting a member of staff's car the other day whilst stopping without permission in the car park, causing some damage to the wing mirror. However they did not report this to anyone. Another member of staff has received a dent in the rear of her car while parked in the car park. Could I please ask that everyone acts responsibly and with consideration for the staff who work here.

Save the Date - Saturday 19 March

The choir and string orchestra have been entered and accepted into the Music for Youth Regional Festival at Taunton this year. Please save the date because it is really important that ALL children attend this event.

Thank you to Mole Avon

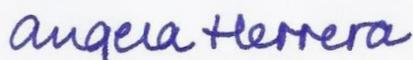
Thank you to Mole Avon who donated plants and numerous packets of seeds to Robin Class. We will now be able to make a start on planting out our sensory garden/quiet area. We will be planting as soon as the weather allows us.

Practice competition

All children who learn an instrument in school will be bringing home a practice competition sheet to record the frequency of their instrumental/vocal practise. The competition will run until the end of term. There will be prizes for children who stand out as working consistently. Please support your child with this.

Special Person	W/E 15/01	W/E 22/01
Robins	Ronan P	Shanjayan G
Woodpeckers	Jasmine W	Harvey B
Owls	Mia E	James C
Kestrels	Millie H	Amy M
Eagles	Alisha H	Isabel B

Kind regards,



Mrs Angela Herrera
Headteacher