



Dear Parents/Carers,

I wrote again last week to the parents of Owl Class to update them on Mrs Wright's absence. We have now heard from her that she will be on sick leave until at least 4 January 2016. I have therefore sought and gained agreement from Governors and CAST (our Multi Academy Trust) to make a temporary appointment of a teacher to teach Owl class until the end of July. This will be for 3 days a week alongside Mrs Perks who will continue to teach for 2 days a week. Many thanks to Mrs Perks who has done a great job to stabilise the class and work alongside Mr Durant, our supply teacher.

As last year, Mrs Burrough has been working with the choir on our entry for the BBC Devon Star for Christmas competition. We were very excited to hear that we have reached the final again and the BBC came into school to make a recording of the children on Monday. They also interviewed me!

The 8 finalists' carols are being played on the radio, one each day between Sunday 22 and 29 November. Ours was played this morning at 8.30.

Voting opens at 6:00am Monday 30 November and closes at 4pm on Thursday 3 December. You can vote via the BBC website <http://bbc.in/1vPOE1cif> You will need to register with the BBC if you are not already registered with them. This will ensure that people only vote once. Don't forget to share the link with family, friends and the local community,

Listen to Simon Bates at 8.25am on BBC Radio Devon on Friday 4 December when the winning choir will be announced.

During Liturgy every Monday morning, we read the Gospel from the previous Sunday and I talk to the children about the message we are being given from the reading. To remind the children of what they have heard, we have started to display the Gospel values from the passage we have read around the school - you may have seen some of the posters. I will also add this information to the newsletter each fortnight, so you are aware of what we have been talking about. I hope this is interesting and useful to you.

Week beginning Monday 16 November - Jesus will return (Mark 13: 24 - 29, 32)
Gospel values: Trying to live the way Jesus showed us, with goodness and love.

Week beginning Monday 23 November - Feast of Christ the King (John 18: 33 - 37)
Gospel values: Knowing that we are all deeply loved by God.

Parish Christmas Bazaar

St Mary's Parish Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday 5th December at from 10.30am – 1pm. Our school PTFA will be selling refreshments and our children will be singing, so please come along.

The Bazaar organisers are looking for anyone who can face paint for an hour. If you are able to (you would need your own equipment), please speak to Mrs Newcombe or Mrs Brett.

Admission to Primary School 2016/2017

On 15 November, the online application facility opened for children born between 1 September 2011 and 31 August 2012 for entry to Reception class in September 2016. The deadline for applications is 15 January 2016. Please go to www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline

Situations Vacant

Plymouth CAST Multi-Academy Trust have the following vacancies :

Finance Support Officer position based in the Dorset area. Part-time 3 days per week

Closing date 10 December . Interview date 17 December.

HR Adviser Positions in Cornwall, Devon and Dorset. Part time 2/3 days per week

Closing date 10 December. Interview date 16 December.

For more information please speak to Mrs Newcombe or Mrs Brett.

We have a vacancy for our Clerk to the Governors position at St Mary's starting in January 2016. If you are interested, please go to the Devon County Council jobs site or ask Mrs Newcombe /Mrs Brett

Music Concert, Kilmington Church

Our choir and orchestra will be performing in a music concert at St Giles Church, Kilmington on Saturday 28 November at 4pm. Everyone is welcome. All instrumentalists need to arrive by 3.35pm. Choir members should arrive at 3.45pm

School Photos

Please return orders to the school office by the morning of Monday 30 November

Dates for your diary

Saturday 28 November	Music Concert, St.Giles Church Kilmington 4pm
Monday 30 November	School photo deadline 9.00
Friday 4 December	Robins class Mass 10am in the Church
Monday 7 December	Nativity Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 8 December	Nativity performance 2pm
Wednesday 9 December	Nativity performance 6pm
Wednesday 16 December	Carol Service 2pm



Special Person

	w/e 13/11	w/e 20/11
Robins	Charlie F	Alfie G
Woodpeckers	Malachi M	Joseph P
Owls	Fabian V	Bailey G
Kestrels	Daniel J	Russel B
Eagles	Caitlin C	Keryn W



Attendance

Week ending 13 November 94.07 %

Week ending 6 November 98.3 %

Our attendance target is **96.2%**



With best wishes,

Angela Herrera

Mrs Angela Herrera
Headteacher

Living, loving and learning with God