

## **PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT**

### **ASSEMBLIES**

We like parents to be as involved with the school and we hold Sharing Assemblies on some Friday afternoons, to which parents are invited. These are held at 2.30pm in the hall. Parents are informed of dates, when particular classes are sharing work, via the newsletter.

The school is a Church of England Controlled School and, as such, is particularly closely associated with the Parish Church but it also enjoys strong ties with the Congregational Church in the village. There is therefore a daily collective act of worship which draw on broadly Christian themes - some are led by the churches and draw on broadly Christian themes. Children can be withdrawn from collective acts of worship at their parents' request.

### **SCHOOL CONCERTS AND PLAYS**

The older children (Torberry and Beacon classes) have a production at the end of the Summer Term, normally in early July. There are two early evening performances on a Thursday and Friday - all of these children participate. Parents are allocated tickets for the performance of their choice.

In addition to this event, we have a Christmas concert in the church which normally takes place on the last Thursday of the Autumn Term during the early evening - this involves the whole school. Two further services are held, an Easter Service in the Congregational Church and a Leavers' Service in the Parish Church. Both of these are held within the school day and parents are warmly invited to attend

### **PTFA**

We have a very supportive and active Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA). The PTFA raises funds for the school and also organise events for parents and children to enjoy. Each class has two representatives who are supported by a PTFA committee. All parents are invited to take part in the PTFA's events and if you wish to join the group please contact your class rep or the school office. PTFA events and fundraisers are listed in the school newsletter.

### **PARENTAL CONCERNS AND COMPLAINTS**

If you have any concerns, in the first instance please talk to your child's class teacher. You can make an appointment to speak to them outside of class hours and we suggest that this is best done at the end of the school day.

If you feel your issue is not resolved, the Headteacher would be happy to speak to you. We do listen and take your concerns seriously. Please make an appointment via the school office or speak with the Head directly.

The Chairman of the Governors may be contacted if problems have been unresolved through these channels.

### **COMMUNICATION**

We publish a fortnightly newsletter, usually on a Thursday, and this is sent by email. We prefer to use this method to save costs but paper copies are available, if requested. We also use a texting service to alert parents to school and class reminders.

Parents Consultation Evenings are held twice a year - dates are published in the newsletter. A sign up sheet is put up on classroom doors for a 10 minute session to discuss your child's progress with class teachers. Anyone with significant concerns about their child is able to make an alternative appointment with the teacher and/or Special Needs Coordinator (SENCO).