

**BUCKLAND ST MARY CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Autumn Term 2009 - Newsletter Number 1

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the first newsletter of this term. As I mentioned in my letter earlier this week, newsletters will be sent home every other Friday. A special welcome to the Reception children and Charlie Whitefield in Year 3 who have joined us this term.

Now that I have completed a full week at Buckland St Mary, I feel I must comment on what delightful children you all have. They have all been so welcoming - as have the staff! I have very much enjoyed meeting the children, and look forward to getting to know them better over the coming weeks.

Dates for this academic year

Attached you will find the school terms and holidays list prepared by County Hall. Please note that this half term is an extra long one. Friday 23rd October is an Inset day and we don't return until Wednesday 4th November. The remaining Inset days for this academic year are 4th January 2010 and 5th January 2010.

Photos

The school photographer will be here on Thursday 17th September at 9.00am for individual photos. Please ensure that your child is wearing a school jumper/cardigan.

Clubs

Clubs will start again next week. Attached is a list of clubs available. Please return the form to the school office as soon as possible. All clubs are free EXCEPT gymnastics which is £2.00 per child per session and Let's Get Cooking which is also £2.00 per child per session (cheques payable to Buckland St Mary School Fund please).

Music Lessons

We have visiting music teachers for piano, guitar and violin. If your child is interested in playing any of these instruments, please contact Emma Lupton in the office for further information.

Everyone Matters...

PE Kit/Change of clothes

PE kit should be kept in school at all times. It is important that children have a spare pair of shoes in school (PE daps or trainers are fine). Also, please make sure your child has a coat now the weather is getting colder.

Free Fruit and Vegetable Scheme

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 receive free fruit or vegetables each day for break through the government scheme. Children in KS2 may bring in fruit or vegetables for break times, not cake or biscuits!

Advance Dates for your diary

Our Harvest celebration will be in church on Friday 9th October at 2.00pm. We will again join forces with the village for a Carol service on 17th December. Time to be confirmed.

Celebration Assemblies

Fridays will continue to be a celebration of the children's successes in and out of school, and we would love to share them with you. Assembly starts at 2.40pm and all parents are most welcome.

If you have any queries regarding your child/ren, please don't hesitate to make an appointment to come and see me.

With kind regards,

Sue English
Headteacher