



Your word is a lamp to guide
my feet and a light for my path.

(Psalm 119:105)



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This term's core value: Respect

Dear Parents and Carers

Hope you are all well. We have a couple of weeks left of the half term and things are getting busy, time has simply just flown. We must've been having a lot of fun!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

A huge thank you to those of you who came along to our Macmillan coffee morning. An even bigger thank you to those of you who donated cakes and even bigger thank you than that to the wonderful team who served coffee and tea on the day. It was wonderful to see so many of you there. We raised a fantastic £256.35 for Macmillan.

Cauliflower Cards - back by popular demand

Miss Bell, our art coordinator, has kindly organised the return of Cauliflower cards. Children have been busy designing their Christmas cards (I know it's only October) and they will be bringing their cards home this week. Please note there is a strict deadline for the return of orders of Friday 13th October and cards should be delivered by early December. Funds raised will go towards school projects.

Black History Month

October is Black History Month and this week the children have been exploring Black History through the journey of 'key figures' such as Ruby Bridges, Rosa Parkes and Bishop Wilfred Wood. They have also been thinking about how their experiences may relate to their lives today. Mrs Cort will be leading an assembly about Black History Month and there will also be a display going up in school. Many thanks to Mrs Cort for organising.

Harvest Service in Church

Don't forget our Harvest Festival service this year will be held in St Mary's Church on Wednesday 11th October at 9:15am, you are all welcome to join us. Our theme this year is 'five a day'. We will be donating our harvest produce to the Vineyards charity in Aylesbury. Please start to send your donations of long-life tinned and packet produce in from next Monday 9th October.

Messages from the School Travel Plan team

The first School Travel Plan meeting of this academic year is on Monday 9th October at 2pm, all are welcome. Mrs Richardson needs as many people as possible to help run this initiative so please do join us if you can, we don't want Mrs Richardson sitting there on her own! We also have the first walk to school of the year planned for Friday, 13th October, 'Fitness Friday'. Please join us at the Catholic Church on The Croft, at 8:40 am. This time the theme is Florescent so dig out your leg warmers or anything else florescent you have and dress up to brighten up our walk to school. Please join us for refreshments in the school hall once the children have gone into school.

M&M Theatre Production of Beauty and the Beast

A reminder to send in your forms and contribution for the theatre production on Friday 13th October, children from all years will be watching the performance.

Survival week - Monday 16th October - Friday 20th October

Our first specialist week of the year looks to be an exciting one on the theme of 'survival'. We have lots of exciting activities planned including the hiring of a climbing wall which will be arriving on Thursday for the day. We will be inviting parents to come and view what we have been up to on the field, Eco Lodge and Forest Schools area from 2pm (weather permitting), there may even be a hot chocolate and marshmallow toasting on offer if you're lucky! We did try to get Bear Grylls in but to no avail I'm afraid! A big thank you to Mrs Bennett, our specialist week coordinator, for leading the organisation of this.

Ready, steady, read

To encourage a love of reading at home and school, and following the success of this event last year, we have decided to hold another 'Ready, steady read' in conjunction with Usborne books between Friday 20th October and Sunday 29th October. All sponsorship money raised will come to school and in addition Usborne will donate up to 60% of the total raised in Usborne books. More information about the event will be sent home next week, please support us if you can.

Fireworks! Saturday 28th October

Firework tickets are now on sale via our school website or from Sara Barnes on the playground. We need lots of volunteers on the day setting up and on the night too. There is a firework health and safety briefing for all who are volunteering on Thursday 19th October at 7pm in the school hall.

Christmas!!!

Well the tins of Quality Street and Roses have arrived in the shops and I even bought a big pot of Twiglets the other day so I suppose it's acceptable to start talking about it! Owing to our increased pupil numbers we have decided to do things a bit differently this year. We will be hosting two productions, a joint Rainbow and Sunshine production and a separate production for Sky. We will be holding them over three days Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of the week commencing 11th December, Rainbow / Sunshine in the morning and Sky in the afternoon. Our thinking is that if you have siblings in school in different classes and you work, you then don't have to take two days off.

Have a great rest of the week.

Best wishes



Mrs Karen Collett
Headteacher

Haddenham St Mary's Church of England School Calendar

Buckinghamshire Term Dates 2017 - 2018		
Autumn Term 1 2017	Wednesday 6 September 2017	Friday 20 October 2017
Autumn Term 2 2017	Monday 30 October 2017	Tuesday 19 December 2017
Spring Term 1 2018	Thursday 4 January 2018	Friday 9 February 2018
Spring Term 2 2018	Monday 19 February 2018	Thursday 29 March 2018
Summer Term 1 2018	Monday 16 April 2018	Friday 25 May 2018
Summer Term 2 2018	Monday 4 June 2018	Friday 20 July 2018

Haddenham St Mary's INSET Days 2017 - 18		
Monday 4 September 2017	Tuesday 5 September 2017	Wednesday 3 January 2018
Monday 23 July 2018	Tuesday 24 July 2018	

Calendar of Events: Autumn Term 2017	
Monday 9 th - Friday 13 th October	Walk to school I Spy hunt
Monday 9 th October	Sunshine Classes Village Walk 2:00pm School Travel Plan meeting - all welcome
Wednesday 11 th October	9:15am Harvest Festival in Church - all welcome
Friday 13 th October	8:40am Fitness Friday florescent walk to school 9:30am Sunshine Classes visit to Haddenham Library 1:15pm Visiting Theatre Production - Beauty and the Beast
Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th October	Specialist Survival Week
Tuesday 17 th October	7:00pm Full Governing Body Meeting
Monday 23 rd - Friday 27 th October	Half Term
Saturday 28 th October	PTA Fireworks Event
Thursday 2 nd November	9:30 - 11:30am Open Morning for prospective parents
Monday 6 th November	9:15am Collective Worship in Church - all welcome
Tuesday 7 th November	3:30 - 7:00pm Parents' Evening
Thursday 9 th November	3:30 - 7:00pm Parents' Evening
Thursday 16 th November	Flu Immunisation Clinic in school
Tuesday 21 st November	9:30 - 11:30am Open Morning for prospective parents
Sunday 3 rd December	4:00pm Christingle Service in St Mary's Church
Monday 4 th December	9:15am Collective Worship in Church - all welcome
Monday 11 th December	Rainbow and Sunshine Christmas Production Sky Christmas Production
Tuesday 12 th December	Rainbow and Sunshine Christmas Production Sky Christmas Production
Wednesday 13 th December	Rainbow and Sunshine Christmas Production Sky Christmas Production
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 15 th December	Whole School Pantomime visit to Aylesbury Waterside Theatre
Monday 18 th December	Christmas Party
Tuesday 19 th December	9:15am Nativity Service in Church - all welcome