



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

We are at the end of our first half term of the school year and what a busy one it has been, as ever! This week has been Survival Week at school and what a week it has been! On Monday the children had bushcraft activities which were so exciting. They had a real fire (don't worry, risk assessed), were making sparks using stones (also risk assessed) and generally learnt a lot (not risk assessed - we aim to do that every day).

Today saw the exciting arrival of the climbing wall. Mrs Day and I were sitting in a meeting with Bucks County Council in the upstairs staffroom when out of the corner of our eye we could see a child at the same level as us! You can imagine our surprise to see a smiling face at that height!

On Wednesday we all 'survived' our SIAMS inspection. For those of you who don't know, SIAMS stands for the 'Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools'. For us it is 'the big one' as it not only measures academic achievement but also very much how we are developing children as 'all round' individuals. It is a rigorous process with lots of paperwork required both before and during the inspection. I am not allowed to disclose the gradings until the report has been written and verified but I can say as much as we are ecstatic with the result of the inspection in every area. Thank you to the members of the Christian Values Group and the Library Team for speaking to the inspector and for the CVG's contribution to the self evaluation documents that were completed pre-inspection. The best compliment that we received from the inspector was that he wished his grandchildren could come here.

Tomorrow (Friday) is the grand finale of our Survival Week. Please send your children in outdoor clothing that you don't mind getting muddy on the day. Do join us from 2pm if you can to see what the children have been doing during the week. Please collect and sign your children out from their classrooms from 2pm and take them round our exhibition. Please be reminded that you will be in charge of supervising your child from this time. Hot chocolate will be available too!

Cake sale reminder after school

It is the Sky class cake sale on Friday after school. Please bring your donations on Friday morning and come and buy a cake to go with your hot chocolate after school.

Winter PE kits and names please!

Please make sure that all school uniform is named (every item please - including shoes) and please ensure that children have tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirts to wear in PE after half term - children have outdoor games every week.

Ready, steady, read

Information and a sponsorship form was sent home earlier this week, please encourage your children to take part if you can. Please return any sponsorship money to school by Monday 6th November. All money raised will go towards buying books for school.

Go for Gold

Thank you to the School Travel Plan team for coordinating the Go for Gold scheme. Don't forget to remind your child to put a stamp on their passport every time they walk, scoot, cycle or 'park and stride' to school. The stamping pens are in the gazebo in the playground.

Sky Classes WOW Day

Sky Classes will have a WOW day to introduce their new topic on Monday 30th October. The children will have activities based on light including making circuits and shadow puppets. We would be grateful if you could send in any reflective materials (junk materials) for the children to use that day.

Sunshine Classes WOW Day

Sunshine Classes will have their WOW day on Monday 30th October. Please can children come into school in outfits inspired by a different country (traditional clothing/celebration clothing). They can bring a change of clothes for later in the day too if they feel more comfortable. If your child prefers they can just wear their favourite outfit to school. Please be mindful that we do not want any family heirlooms to get spoiled!

Rainbow Classes WOW Day

Rainbow Class topic after half term will be "Once Upon a Time" encompassing traditional tales from around the world. Our first Rainbow Wow day will be on Tuesday 31st October. Please can your children come to school dressed as their favourite character from a traditional tale. Please do not feel pressured into producing Hollywood grade costumes! As long as they are practical enough for the children to play outside wearing them, they can be as simple as a sparkly headband for Cinderella or a furry jacket for the Big Bad Wolf.

Sky 2 Forest School after half term

It is the turn of Sky 2 class for Forest School after half term. If your child is in Sky 2 please send them in outdoor clothes that you don't mind getting muddy every Wednesday.

Poppies

We will be selling poppies in school after half term leading up to Remembrance Sunday in aid of the Royal British Legion for a suggested donation of 20p. Please send your donation in with your child on any day before 11th November. Sky class children will be going around the classes to sell the poppies.

A message from the Community Orchard Project

The community orchard on Townsend Green is a Haddenham village project which has aimed to preserve a beautiful green space within the village and develop it as an area that community groups can use and enjoy. The project is led by a committee and supported by a volunteer work party. In 2015 over 40 fruit trees and fruit bushes were planted by the volunteers. This Saturday,

21st October, is the official opening of the orchard and the committee have extended an open invitation to all to attend from 10am, I am sure it will be a lovely occasion.

Hope you have a lovely half term; I look forward to seeing you our fireworks display.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "K. Collett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot at the end.

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	
Friday 20 th October	2:00pm Specialist Week Exhibition and Sky Class Cake Sale
Monday 23 rd - Friday 27 th October	Half Term
Saturday 28 th October	PTA Fireworks Event
Monday 30 th October	Sky and Sunshine Classes WOW day
Tuesday 31 st October	Rainbow Classes Wow day
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 7:00pm Full Governing Body Meeting
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