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Your word is a lamp to guide
my feet and a light for my path.
”
(Psalm 119.105)

Newsletter 4

17th October 2019

This term's core value: Respect

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are surviving the rain. Not the nicest weather unless you are a duck!

Christmas!

Get the Quality Street out and dust off the Michael Buble album; we're starting to talk about Christmas! We are doing things differently this year with the same play 'Lights, Camel, Action 2 (The sequin)' performed by two different casts. Those of you who remember the original 'Lights, Camel, Action', will I'm sure be finding it difficult to contain your excitement with this announcement. The Christmas productions this year will be on the following dates:

Wednesday 11 th December at 10:00am	Cast: Rainbow 1, Sunshine 2, Sky 2
Wednesday 11 th December at 2:00pm	Cast: Rainbow 2, Sunshine 1, Sky 1
Thursday 12 th December at 10:00am	Cast: Rainbow 2, Sunshine 1, Sky 1
Thursday 12 th December at 2:00pm	Cast: Rainbow 1, Sunshine 2, Sky 2

The classes have been organised into the two casts according to the most appropriate split with siblings to avoid you having to sit through it twice! This system works for all except three families who we will be speaking to separately to discuss the arrangements. We will be selling tickets for a nominal fee of 50p per ticket via ParentPay and initially will be limited to two tickets per child.

The PTA will be selling mulled wine (even at 10:00am, it is Christmas after all!) and other refreshments at each performance.

Stanley

Talking of Christmas, poor John Stanley our sponsored child from Haiti will not be having a very good Christmas if we don't get more 10ps on a Tuesday. I am afraid that funds are so depleted we may not be able to continue to sponsor him which would be extremely sad. Please bring in your 10p's on a Tuesday!

Mufti Day

Don't forget our mufti (non-uniform) day tomorrow, Friday 18th. Children can come in mufti clothes in exchange for bringing a filled bag for the tombola stall at our fireworks event. Please leave the filled bags in the special fireworks donation box which is located in the school playground.

Bric a Brac

The school council Bric a Brac sale will be on Friday 18th October after school in the playground (weather permitting). All proceeds will go to our chosen charity Children with Cancer UK.



Specialist Week

We are looking forward to our specialist week next week, 'Share and Celebrate'; it looks like it's going to be a fantastic week. Please join us in the playground for Bollywood dancing on Monday at pick up and on Friday afternoon from 2:30pm in school to see what we have been doing. We will have a visit on Thursday from the Head Chef at Miya Japanese Bar and Grill who will be making sushi. Please contact us if you think you can come in and lead an activity with children about another culture or country. We ask for a £5.00 contribution via ParentPay; these weeks are great and full of enrichment for the children but do put a dent in the school budget.

Forest School

Sky 2 are next up for Forest School after half term, please remember to make your £5.00 contribution towards resources via ParentPay.

House of Spice

A message from the owners (Parents of Amara Rainbow 1):

We have decided to offer a special 10% discount whilst dining in at the House of Spice, Haddenham. This offer is valid for both staff & parents of the school for Mondays to Thursdays. All you have to do is state: "St Marys" to the staff and they will deduct 10% off your total food bill (excluding drinks). In addition we are open to organising any special banquet nights with set menus. Please let us know if you would be interested.

The dreaded car park again!

We have some parents who have asked us to use the staff car park for exceptional circumstances. Whilst I understand that for some the walk through the churchyard can seem quite far, please can you regularly reassess if you actually need to use the car park. Staff are finding it increasingly hard to park and I do need the staff to be able to park their cars so that they can come to work! Please do not park in the school car park unless you have been granted permission to do so.

Mix 96 Choir competition

We have had an opportunity to enter the Mix 96 'best choir in Bucks competition'. We would like to record our favourite St Mary's traditional song on Thursday 24th October. If your child would like to join in please ask them to practice at home using the following lyrics. I trust you all know it!

https://www.google.com/search?q=merry+christmas+everyone+lyrics&rlz=1C1GGRV_en&oq=merry+christmas+everyone+&ags=chrome.1.69i57j0l5.8367j0j7&sourceid=chrome&ie=UTF-8

Please see below re the fantastic prize:

If your school's singing sensations are crowned champions, you'll win a slot to perform at Aylesbury Christmas Lights Switch On (Thursday 14th November) and we'll also be sending the entire choir to watch Nativity the Musical at Aylesbury Waterside Theatre on the 7th of November at 1.30pm.

Fireworks 26th October

Don't forget to get your tickets online for our firework event:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/hsmpta/#.Xahv4OZKi70>

Parents' Evenings

Our Parents' Evenings are planned for Monday 11th and Thursday 14th November from 3:30pm to 7:00pm. More information and a booking form will be sent home after half term.

Christmas shopping event

We are holding a Christmas shopping event in the school hall on Monday 16th December from after school until 5:30pm. If you have items to sell eg you are an Avon seller/Tupperware (am I showing my age?) and would like to have a stall then please let us know. Stalls will be £15 each. All proceeds will go to the PTA.

Thank you for the hanging baskets

A huge thank you to Sara Wootton and Marijanne Jokumsen for replanting our hanging baskets and to Haddenham Garden Centre and Katherine Eccles for donating the contents. I can now sleep well, safe in the fact that we have outstanding hanging baskets!

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "K. Collett".

Mrs Karen Collett
Headteacher

Haddenham St Mary's Church of England School Calendar

Buckinghamshire Term Dates 2019 - 2020		
Autumn Term 1 2019	Wednesday 4 September	Friday 25 October
Autumn Term 2 2019	Monday 4 November	Thursday 19 December
Spring Term 1 2020	Tuesday 7 January	Friday 14 February
Spring Term 2 2020	Monday 24 February	Friday 3 April
Summer Term 1 2020	Monday 20 April	Friday 22 May
Summer Term 2 2020	Monday 1 June	Tuesday 21 July

Haddenham St Mary's INSET Days 2019 - 2020		
Monday 2 September	Tuesday 3 September	Monday 6 January
Monday 20 July	Tuesday 21 July	

Calendar of Events: Autumn 2019	
Friday 18 th October	PTA Mufti Day 9:00am - 10:00am Cuppa and Chat, St Mary's Church - all welcome 3:05pm - 3:30pm School Council Bric a Brac Sale
Tuesday 22 nd October	7:00pm Full Governing Body Meeting
Monday 28 th Oct - Friday 1 st Nov	Half Term
Saturday 26 th October	5:00pm to 7:00pm Village Firework Event at HSM
Monday 4 th November	9:15am Collective Worship in Church - all welcome
Wednesday 6 th November	9:30am - 11:30am Open Morning for Prospective Parents
Thursday 7 th November	PTA Meeting
Monday 11 th November	3:30pm - 7:00pm Parents' Evening
Thursday 14 th November	School Nurse Flu Immunisation 3:30pm - 7:00pm Parents' Evening
Friday 15 th November	9:00am - 10:00am Cuppa and Chat, St Mary's Church - all welcome
Wednesday 20 th November	9:30am - 11:30am Open Morning for Prospective Parents
Friday 22 nd November	8:40am Fitness Friday Fluorescent Walk to School from the Catholic Church
Monday 2 nd December	9:15am Collective Worship in Church - all welcome
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Friday 13 th December	8:40am Fitness Friday Santa Stroll from the Catholic Church Whole School Pantomime Trip to Aylesbury Waterside Theatre
Monday 16 th December	3:05 - 5:00pm PTA Christmas shopping event
Wednesday 18 th December	3:05 - 5:00pm PTA Cinema Night
Thursday 19 th December	9:15am Nativity Service in Church - all welcome