



Taunton Learning Partnership

# TRINITY C of E VA PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Newsletter 16



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Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of another busy and successful year. There have been many highlights and it has been good to see the involvement of the children in a wide range of activities. I would like to thank you for all the support during the year in a variety of ways. I hope you all have a restful summer and we will see you all in September.

### TSA Fayre

There have been many comments about what a successful Fayre this was. The TSA had put a great deal of preparation and hard work into organising it and so I was really pleased that the weather finally improved after the initial downpour that left some of the organisers a bit wet. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way and for all of you who came and supported the event.

### Music Concert

On Tuesday of this week we held a concert to celebrate the music the children had been involved in during the year and to support the church organ fund. This was a great evening with many talents being shared. Judging by the reaction of the audience, all who came had an entertaining evening. There were some unexpected contributions from an impromptu compere and I am certain we have some professional performers of the future. The evening raised a total of approximately £200.00. Thank you to all who came to support this event. It would be good if we could have such a celebration annually.

### Sports Days

We managed to hold both KS1 and KS2 sports events despite picking the days where we had some rain. Both these events were successful with a healthy mix of competition and fun. Well done to all the children who gave their all in the various events. Thank you to all who came to support and brave the rain

at the KS2 afternoon. The KS2 event was closely fought this year with two lots of ties.

### Goodbyes

This week we say goodbye and a big thank you to a number of staff. Mrs Frost leaves us to teach at Old Cleeve School. We would like to thank her for all her hard work over the last 9 years in teaching children in reception, Y1/2 and Y5/6 classes and for her particular contributions to RE and sport in the school (particularly Netball and Rounders). I am sure Mrs Frost will enjoy her new challenge and we wish her all the very best.

Mr Edwards will be training as a teacher in Yeovil next year. It is good to see that the experience working with the children at Trinity school in a number of capacities and particularly in his significant contribution to ICT has convinced Mr Edwards to take the step into teaching. I am sure he will make an excellent teacher and wish him all the very best for the future.

Mrs Parker will be stepping down from her full time post in teaching Y5/6 and will be returning to work in her original part time capacity next year. I would like to thank Mrs Parker very much for her contribution to Y5/6 during this year.

Mrs S. Brooks will leave her lunchtime post to work as a classroom assistant in Bridgwater and Mrs Fitzgerald will be finishing her post as a teaching assistant. I

would like to thank both of them for their contributions to the school during this year.

### **Ofsted**

You will find attached a copy of a letter written by Ofsted. As some of you might have been aware it had been 3 years since the last inspection and we were expecting a visit in June of this year. The letter states that after an interim review Ofsted feel that the work and standards in the school are such that they do not need to visit until the academic year 2011/12. A new inspection framework came into force last September and we were ready for an inspection, but it is good to be recognised for all that goes on in the school by children and adults alike.

### **School Entrance**

As mentioned in a previous newsletter we have reviewed our safeguarding systems in school and one of the areas where school security can be improved during the day is the main gate entrance and the main door. We are therefore making changes over the summer to ensure that access to the school site is not so open. Although we have not had a significant problem, it has been possible for anyone to walk onto the school site during the day and access any part of the premises. One of the problems is that the main gate entrance is so far from the building and it cannot be seen from the offices. There has also been the ongoing problem of too many cars coming onto the site and causing some very near misses at times.

During the summer new gates will be erected at both the vehicle and pedestrian entrances. Both of these gates will have controlled access. This means that during the school working day the vehicle access gates will be closed and visitors will need to use an intercom to the office to gain access. The pedestrian gate will be open at the beginning and end of the day but during the time when pupils are in class; this will also be controlled by an intercom to the office.

We are also putting a controlled access on the front door to ensure the safety of our pupils during the occasions when the office is unmanned. Like most schools these changes

have had to be addressed under new guidance on safeguarding.

For the first few weeks this change will inevitably take some getting used to and for some people it might make a significant change but it will improve the safety of the children on the site.

### **Piano Lessons**

We have a private tutor called Lara Cowling who comes into school on a Wednesday to teach piano, she charges £12.00 for a 30 minute lesson. If anyone aged 6 and over is interested please enquire at the school office in the new term.

**I look forward to seeing you all on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> September when the new term begins.**

Yours faithfully,



Mr N. Bright