



# The Mordiford Mail



8th September 2017

Welcome to the Autumn Term 2017. I do hope that you all had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. Thank you to children, staff and parents for making it such a great start to the new school year. The children have all been looking really smart in their uniform and have displayed very positive attitudes towards learning in their new classrooms. A special welcome to Lugg Class who have made a wonderful start to their time at Mordiford CE Primary School. It was lovely to see so many parents and friends at our service in church today.

Thank you for your patience with the very busy traffic outside of school this week. We have not been closing the registers as early, so no late marks have been given and we are in contact with Balfour Beatty and the Council to try to find short and long term solutions. To help try to ease traffic congestion, if you are able to care share with other families then please do. Mr Watson, our Road Crossing Patrol Officer has asked that during this especially busy time that you please hold onto younger children by the hand when they are crossing the road. Please could we also ask that you do not pull into the school entrance and then reverse onto the main road as this is very dangerous in the high volume of traffic. Best wishes, Miss Finney.

Our Christian Value  
this half-term is  
Friendship

A good friend is like a  
four-leaf clover; hard  
to find and lucky to  
have.

## School Priorities 2017-2018

These are some of the main themes that we will be focussing on this year...

- Mordiford Year of Writing: raising the profile of writing to aim for excellence
- Active school: thinking of ways to get more active each day
- Erasmus Project "Mind and Body-a healthier tomorrow"

This is a 2 year project where we will work with partner schools in Worcester, Turkey, Poland, Portugal, Spain and Italy. More details will follow in later editions of Mordiford Mail. Thank you to Mrs Broadbridge for her hard work to secure the funding to allow the project to go ahead.

- Philosophy Circles: a teaching approach to become a philosophy rich school
- Friendship: the creation of a new zone for the playground that celebrates friendships

## House Captains and Buddies

Meet our new House Captains!

**Swillow:** Freya and Theo

**Haugh:** Poppy and Olivia P

**Timbridge:** Georgina and Taylor

**Bearswood:** Oliver R and Maisey



**Pentaloe and Lugg Class are Buddies**

Each member of Lugg Class has been matched with a new friend from Pentaloe Class to make sure that they feel welcome and happy at their new school.



## Working Party

We have lots of little jobs that once completed will make a big difference to children and staff and would love some help to tick a few off our to do list. We are therefore asking for some willing helpers to attend a working party on Saturday 14th October from 10am to 12pm. Tea and Cake will be provided. Jobs include:

Painting exterior walls, fixing bench to tarmac, painting benches, sweeping, painting interior wall, painting a book case, sorting and tidying library books, making library labels...

Please see Miss Finney if you can help or would like to know more about what needs doing.

## Weekly reminders and messages...

- Swimming starts on Monday 11th September for Year 1 and Year 6 ( Monnow and Pentaloe Class)
- Adriano's football club begins on Tuesday 12th September, all school clubs will begin w/ b 2/10/17
- Please send back all signed home/school agreements
- Meet the Teacher Meetings for Y1 to Y6 Wednesday 20th September:  
3.15pm to 3.45pm Y1, Y2 and Y3 3.45pm to 4.15pm Y4, Y5 and Y6
- Clubs will not be starting this term until the week beginning 2nd October, more details on which clubs will be available will follow shortly.

### Staffing update:

As you will be aware at the end of summer term we said goodbye to Mrs Smith, our Office Manager( we hope that she is now enjoying her free time and her new adventures) but also, unexpectedly, we had to say goodbye to Mrs Lister who has relocated to Scotland. To provide short term cover in Year 4, we have welcomed back Mrs Leonie Griffith. Mrs Jackie Kerry has begun work with Miss Quinn in Year 1 and we look forward to getting to know her this term. Mrs Blenkinsop is currently on sickness leave and Miss Hobby and Mrs Griffith are supporting Mrs Broadbridge in her absence. We all send our love and best wishes to Mrs Blenkinsop.

### In our Prayers...

Almighty God,  
We give you our school.  
We give you all the children who study here.  
We give you all the teachers and staff who work here.

We pray our school would be a place of great discovery, adventure and creativity.

May it be a place where we love to learn and where we learn to love.

A place where everyone is respected and all are deeply valued.

We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Happy birthday to  
Sam T & Coburn



### Dates for your diary...

#### Autumn Term 2017

#### **Please note new dates in bold**

5th September—New school year begins

8th September—Welcome Service at Holy Rood Church for new Reception Class and parents

11th—15th September—Pentaloe Class at PGL

20th September- Meet the Teacher Meetings ( Y1- Y6)

25th September PTFA meeting Bunch of Carrots 7.30pm

**27th September—Frome Class to At Bristol**

3rd—6th October—Pentaloe Bikeability Training

5th October—Caerleon Roman Museum

11th October—Harvest Festival, led by KS1 1.45pm HolyRood Church

**Week beginning 16th October: Fitness and Wellbeing week**

19th October—Tempest Individual photo's

20th October—Break up for half term Tuesday 5th

23rd—27th October—Half Term

30th October—Back to school

7th November—Parent's Meetings 1.30-6pm

9th November : Open Morning for prospective YR 2018

End of Term: Friday 15th December