



# The Mordiford Mail



Our Christian Value this half term is:

## Appreciation

*"Make it a habit to tell people thank you. To express your appreciation, sincerely and without the expectation of anything in return. Truly appreciate those around you, and you'll soon find many others around you. Truly appreciate life, and you'll find that you have more of it."* Ralph Marston



Please look out for the Christian Value sheet for this half term, which will be sent out next week.

### Welcome to a new school year at Mordiford CE Primary School.

We are pleased to welcome all of our new children and families to Mordiford and to say hello again to old friends. Lugg Class children have settled beautifully and amazed us with their cheerful and confident start. Teachers and teaching assistants are all in new year groups and classroom settings, which has given the new start to the year a really fresh feel. Thank you to all staff for their hard work in preparing for the new year.

I do hope that you all enjoyed the summer break, making the most of family time and enjoying a more relaxed pace of life. My summer was very special and our Italian wedding was truly magical. David and I were very touched by the many cards, presents and good wishes that we received, it meant a great deal to us, so many thanks.

We are all very excited about the new school year ahead and have plenty of things to share with you in the coming weeks. Our aim this year is to .....try our best, never give up and encourage others.

Best wishes,  
Miss Finney



Dates for your diary...

### Autumn Term 2019

### **AUTUMN TERM BEGINS WEDNESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER**

9th—13th September—Year 6 at PGL  
W/c 16th September—Clubs begin  
W/c 23rd September—Swimming lessons begin  
25th September—Arrow Class Worship  
10th October—Frome Class Worship  
17th October—Harvest Service at Holy Rood Church  
25th October—Last Day of first half term  
28th October— 4th November HALF TERM

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE SCHOOL'S  
ATTENDANCE POLICY BY NOT  
BOOKING HOLIDAYS DURING TERM  
TIME AS THEY CANNOT BE  
AUTHORISED.**

### Top 25 % of Schools Nationally

We are delighted to say that we have had a letter of congratulations from the Local Authority to celebrate the outcomes for children leaving our setting at the end of the last academic year. The school achieved outcomes in reading, writing and maths that are 10% higher than national figures and met all Local Authority performance targets. This was described as an "exceptional achievement". The Local Authority have expressed thanks to the staff for all that is done to drive high academic standards at Mordiford. Mordiford's performance ranks amongst the top 25% of best performing schools nationally. We are very proud of the children's achievements and I echo the thanks to all staff involved.

### Car Park

Unfortunately the car park suffered several delays over the summer break, which frustratingly were beyond our control. A firm of contractors have been shortlisted and initial site visits have taken place. We are waiting for a legal agreement to be finalised by the Local Authority and then work can begin. It is disappointing that the 6 week summer break could not be utilised, but I am hopeful that a start date is not too far away. In the meantime please try to help the difficult situation when parking outside school. Please be courteous to other road users and especially to local residents. Be mindful of leaving enough room for emergency vehicles to pass, particularly if parking on the Woolhope Road. Please adhere to not parking on the white lines which have been designated as passing places and do not be offended if you are asked to not park here. If someone new to the school is collecting children please could you inform them about not parking on the white lines. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Meet the Teacher

We are holding "Meet the Teacher" sessions on Wednesday 18th September. This is a chance to visit your child's new classroom, get to know their teacher and learn about classroom routines and curriculum expectations. It is really important to try and attend if at all possible, even if your child has the same class teacher as last academic year. Times are as follows:  
Lugg, Monnow and Arrow Class 3.15-3.45pm  
Wye, Teme, Frome and Pentaloe 3.45-4.15pm  
A film will be shown in the hall for children.



Happy Birthday this week to.....  
Alex, Coburn, Samuel T, Lake and Charlie S.

### Goodbyes

We say goodbye to Mrs Parkes –Blott today as she is leaving the school office to take up a new post. Mrs Parkes-Blott has been a super addition to our team and we would like to thank her for her hard work and wish her well. The office will therefore have reduced support until we welcome Miss Griffiths back on a phased return from her maternity leave later in the month, so please bear with us in the meantime. Miss Quinn is with us for the first two weeks of term, supporting in most classes until her maternity leave begins...exciting times !!

### New Recycling Bins

We are helping Herefordshire Community Recycling to raise money for local charities by recycling a range of household packaging. There are four new containers in the school hall for the recycling of the following items:

- Cans and tins—aluminium only
- All types of plastic bottle tops
- Crisp packets—completely empty and the kind with foil inside (but not popcorn bags)
- Plastic wrappers from crackers, biscuits and cake-bars

We welcome your help with this charity fund raising and helping to cut down on plastic and other waste. Further information can be found on the Herefordshire Community Recycling Facebook page.

### Prayer Corner

Our Loving Lord,

At the start of this new year...  
Help us to use our eyes to see new friends  
Open our ears to listen to others  
Open our minds to learn new skills  
Let our hearts love those around us  
Help us to grow and learn each day  
Help us to be the best that we can be this year.

Amen

### Messages/Reminders.....

- Swimming arrangements at Hereford Pool are changing, all information will be shared shortly once plans are finalised.
- We will shortly be sending information about a vacancy for a Parent Governor to join our Governing Body, please give this consideration if you are interested in getting involved with the school.
- Please remember that all school lunches must be ordered by 11:59pm on the Wednesday of the preceding week.
- There are still some places available for Spanish lessons for Y2 & Y3 starting on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September. A class is also available for YR & Y1 on Thursday lunchtimes, if there is enough interest. Course fees are £4.50 for a 30-minute lesson. For further information please contact Alexandra Sanchez-Havard via email at: [asanchezhavard17@gmail.com](mailto:asanchezhavard17@gmail.com) or on 07916784037.

### Christian Vision Display

As part of our work on our Christian Vision, we would love it if each child could bring a photo of themselves into school to be included in a permanent display for the current school year,

