



**ST KATHARINE'S CofE (VC)  
SCHOOL  
NEWSLETTER NO. 21  
16<sup>th</sup> September 2011**

Dear Parents,

I don't know about you but the days seem to be flying by! You will notice in 'dates for diary' that it's looking pretty full.

The building work is moving at great speed, this week the plasterers have been in and the walls should be ready to be decorated next week!

I would like to draw your attention to the Commissioning Service on the 28<sup>th</sup> September. In this service of Commissioning the Salisbury Diocesan Board of Education joins with the Governors, staff, pupils, parents and Church community in welcoming me as your new Headteacher. Please come along and join in this celebration.

Finally, thank you to those parents that are using the turning circle correctly and who are parking at the church instead of parking on the verges. However, there are some parents that are not considering others whilst dropping off in the morning. I appreciate that there are more children in the school and that parents are busy, but if everybody used the turning circle correctly and

parked at the church child safety would not be put at risk. Thank you.

**Sharon Cross  
Headteacher**

**Harvest Festival**

Harvest Festival will be at the Church on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 9.30 a.m. Once again we will be donating your gifts of produce to The Trussell Trust - see attached leaflet. Please bring your gift into school on the morning of Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

**Vacancy - MDSA**

If you are interested in becoming an MDSA for an hour a day on a Monday at £6.63 per hour, please see Mrs Stagg in the office. Many thanks to Sian Ineson who is filling in for us until we find a permanent replacement.

**Family Holidays in Term Time**

Please see attached letter.

**Drama Club**

It is looking very likely that Drama Club will start next Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 3.30 p.m. - 4.30 p.m. All children who have brought back their slips can join - please note drama club will be £3 per session paid termly in advance.

**Headlice**

We have had a case of headlice reported to us; please continue to check your child's hair each night and treat if necessary to help eradicate this problem. Thank you.

### **News from the PTA**

The PTA AGM will take place on Thursday 29th September in The Swan pub in Wilton meeting from 8 onwards for an 8.30pm start. This year we will be introducing year reps, this is a great way to meet and make new friends and take part in the organisation of the fun and fundraising activities we provide for our children and their families and we are always looking for fresh ideas. Our Chair Mel Hagerty will be stepping down at the AGM, if you would like to take on the Chair role or discuss what is involved with the role of Chair or Class rep then please come and speak to Mel on the playground or email [melhagerty@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:melhagerty@yahoo.co.uk)

After our Harvest festival on Monday 3rd October we will be providing coffee and cakes in the school hall. This year we will give all donations collected to the Macmillan Cancer Support Charity to take part in the World's Biggest Coffee Morning. Please come and join us and give generously to this very worthy cause. All cake donations kindly received on the Monday morning.

### **Nut Free School**

As you are aware we have two children in school with severe nut allergies. We are trying to promote a 'nut free' zone in school; therefore produce containing nuts is not encouraged in school. This includes packed lunches, mid morning snacks, star worker treats, birthday treats etc

### **Absence**

If your child is ill, please telephone the school office before 9.30 a.m. on the day to let us know. Please follow this up with a note giving details. If we are not notified of the reasons for an absence, an "unauthorised absence" will be recorded on their school record. Requests for absence in term time for reasons other than illness must be made in advance on an Absence Request form available from the school office. If your child arrives after 9.05 a.m. it will be classed as **unauthorised** and you will be asked to fill in the late register.

*From Little Acorns Great Oaks  
Grow*



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<b>21<sup>st</sup> September</b>	<b>Information Evening for Parents</b> 4.30 p.m. Hazel 4.50 p.m. Oak 5.10 Sycamore
<b>28<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Commissioning Service 2.30 p.m. at the Church</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>PTA AGM 8.30 p.m. - The Swan, Wilton</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	<b>Harvest Festival 9.30 at Church - coffee back at school afterwards.</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Celebration Worship - 2.30 p.m.</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Sycamore Trip to The National Gallery</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>T D Day School closed to children</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Gazette &amp; Herald to take photograph of Reception children</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Parents' Evening 3.30 - 6.30 p.m. - details to follow</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Parents' Evening 3.30 - 5.30 p.m. details to follow</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Half Term</b>

<b>31<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>First day of second term</b>
<b>10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Oak Class trip to Sevington School - Details to follow</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	<b>Last swim</b>
<b>30<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Mr Sandall taking children to Robotics Competition (details to follow)</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Nativity &amp; Carol Service 5 p.m. at Church</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Last day of term 2</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> January 2012</b>	<b>First day of term 3</b>