



**ST KATHARINE'S CofE (VC)
SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER NO. 22
30th September 2011**

Dear Parents,
Just when we thought we've seen the last of the sunshine out she comes and surprises us all. Thank you to those parents and governors that came to the Commissioning Service on Wednesday, it was a lovely service and I am thrilled to bits with my new bible. A big 'thank you' to the children that attended the 150th Anniversary Service at St Katharine's Church. It was a delightful service and we were glad to be part of it. They did a super job helping at the reception afterwards. We are nearly there on the new build, all the electrics are in, the paint work primed and almost completed and the security system is in. We are all very excited, especially Mrs Stagg! Finally, may I remind you that the school will be closed to the children on Monday 10th October. The teaching staff and I have the opportunity to attend a conference with Sir John Jones, (an inspirational figure in

education) at the Music Centre in Bradford on Avon.

**Sharon Cross
Headteacher**

Harvest Festival

As you know our Harvest festival will be on Monday next week (3rd October) at 9.30 a.m. in the Church followed by coffee and cakes in the school hall (please bring a small donation for MacMillan Cancer Support). Please bring your harvest gift into school on the Monday morning. Thank you.

Parents' Evening

Appointments are now being made for parents' evening on 18th & 19th October. If you have not yet made an appointment please contact the school office.

Saving Scheme

We are introducing a pupil saving scheme, a letter informing you of all the details will be sent out next week so please keep an eye out for it.

Emergency Procedures

The emergency procedures have been updated to include all the new children in school. In the event of an emergency closure the Headteacher will contact the five parent contacts; they in turn will ring each parent on their list. If you have any objection to your contact details being on this list please get in touch.

Aspire Spinal Injury Charity.

Peter Sewell, one of our dads and a governor, is raising money for the above charity by participating in the 2011 Channel Swim. We would like to show our support and wishing Peter the very best of luck on his swim. If you would like further information please look at the following link

www.justgiving.com/petesewell

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.

News from the PTA

Design your own Christmas card

Yesterday you should have received a pack from the PTA. If you are interested in taking part in this please make sure you return the completed form and artwork to the office by **Thursday 13th October**.

School Uniform

As some of you are aware we are in the process of changing our school uniform supplier, as such we are currently have limited availability on our uniform and many items completely out of stock. I have amended the uniform order form to only show items in stock but please check stock levels with me before placing your order. (Emma Franklin 07899 906 768). The new supplier will sell direct to parents either online or by post. We should have everything set up by half term but will send information out regarding this nearer the time. Please do note that prices will increase on all uniform items with the new supplier so please do buy now if the items you need are in stock.

*From Little Acorns Great Oaks
Grow*

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

3 rd October	Harvest Festival 9.30 at Church - coffee back at school afterwards.
6 th October	Celebration Worship - 2.30 p.m.
7 th October	Sycamore Trip to The National Gallery
10 th October	T D Day School closed to children
12 th October	Gazette & Herald to take photograph of Reception children
18 th October	Parents' Evening 3.30 - 6.30 p.m.
19 th October	Parents' Evening 3.30 - 5.30 p.m.
20 th - 30 th October	Half Term
31 st October	First day of second term
3rd November 2011	School Photographer 1.30 p.m. (individual & sibling portraits)
10 th November	Oak Class trip to Sevington School - Details to follow
22 nd November	Last swim
28th November	Robotics Competition
8th December	Hazel Class to Watermill Theatre (a.m.)

15 th December	Christmas Nativity & Carol Service 5 p.m. at Church
16 th December	Last day of term 2
3 rd January 2012	First day of term 3