



newsletter

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Thank you God for harvest time,
And the sun that you make shine
Growing food for us to eat
Apples that are oh so sweet
Thank you God for harvest time,
Help us to be grateful and be
kind.



Harvest

Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us to celebrate Harvest Mass and for all the items that have been donated to The Rainbow Centre. Please continue to send in donations until Tuesday 10th October.



First Communion

Children in Hobbits' Class (or older if they haven't done it before) can make their First Holy Communion next year.

Preparation classes will be held as an after-school session on Wednesdays and will begin at the beginning of Term 3 – Wednesday 3rd January. Classes will be open to all Catholic children in Year 3 plus any older Catholic children who have yet to make their First Communion. Further details will be issued directly to the children in Year 3 after half-term.

If you are interested in your child making their first Holy Communion and would like any further advice, please contact Mrs

Archibald or Mrs Jukes to discuss further. The date that the children will make their First Communion is on Sunday 20th May 2018, so make sure you put that date into your diaries now!



Uniform

The school uniform is now available to purchase from Channel Uniforms in Cheriton Place. A full price list and details of opening hours can be found on the notice board at the School Office.

A summary of these costs are:-

Sweatshirt	£9.99
Cardigan	£12.50
PE T Shirt	£2.50
PE Bag (Gold/Blue)	£3.99
Fleece	£14.99
Reversible Rain Jacket	£20.00

Book Bags

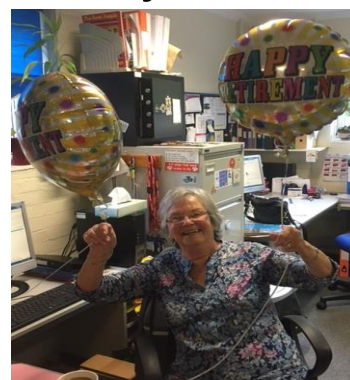
The school will hold a small stock of new book bags (that are also available to purchase at Channel Uniforms). These bags are priced at £7 from the school. The school would like to thank our PA for their contribution in ensuring each of our Imps has a smart new bag.

School Diary Dates

If you need to check diary dates for the school, we advise you use reliable sources such as our school website, newsletter or by calling the office. Using Google is not a reliable way of accessing this data as many of the suggested dates

found through Google are not official from the school. This could ultimately result in children being absent from school without authorisation.

Mrs Terry



Mrs Terry has asked that we put a note in the newsletter to thank the school parents, PA, former families and staff for their thoughtful gifts and well wishes for her retirement.

Admissions for September 2018 & Open Day

This is the time of year when parents of children who will be five during the next academic year need to sort out school places.

There is a county-wide Common Application Form for primary schools and, for faith schools like Stella Maris, parents are also required to complete a Supplementary Form.

The Common Application Forms, together with an explanatory booklet, are now available online. If an online application is difficult for you, a paper form is available from the school office.

Applications for children due to start primary school in September 2018 open on **6th November 2017 and close on Monday 15th January 2018**. Parents must have completed their applications and returned the form to KCC or apply online by this date. They must also send the Supplementary Form to school by 15th January 2018.

If you know of anyone interested in applying for a place in Reception next September, please make sure they contact the school as soon as possible to check that all the correct forms have been completed.

The school will be holding an Open Morning on Tuesday 21st November from 9.30 a.m. Again, if you know of anyone interested in applying for a place in September, please encourage them to come and look around our school.

Thank you - Safeguarding

Thank you for the response for our requests to leave the school grounds promptly in the morning in order that we can secure the playground without delay.

Please can we ask for your continued support with this matter along with improving our on-site parking. **PLEASE do not park on the yellow lines** - these lines are there to protect pedestrians around school. When people park on these yellow lines it causes difficulty for drivers to turn their cars around safely.

Data Collection Sheet

Many of you have already returned your Data Collection Sheets for your children. If you have not yet completed a form, please can you check book bags and return forms to the school promptly (paying particular attention to contact details and medical notes – especially GP details). If you have lost this form please let the school office know and we will issue a replacement.

Music For Schools

On Thursday, the whole school had a presentation from Music For Schools. This presentation included a demonstration on a variety of musical instruments that Music For Schools offer in their scheme.

To follow up from this presentation, a Parents Evening will be held by the company at the school on Tuesday 10th October at 6.00 p.m. If your son or daughter is interested in learning to play one of the instruments discussed during the presentation, please do come along to find out more.

The children were issued with a leaflet regarding this earlier in the week.

Arethusa Meeting

The annual residential trip to the Arethusa centre near Rochester this year is taking place from **7th to 9th February 2018**.

This is an invaluable experience for the children when they reach Year 6 – as well as taking part in a range of exciting and adventurous activities, such as archery and climbing, the children learn a great deal about social skills, getting on with one another, and staying away from home for a few days.

There is a meeting for parents of children in Year 6 (Unicorns) on **Monday 9th October at 6.30 p.m.** At the meeting Mrs Huotari will explain some of the practicalities of the trip and answer any questions you might have.

Parents' Evenings

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

Please place one tick in one box to indicate your preferred time slot – you may also put two ticks in another box to indicate a second preference.

<i>Between:</i>	Wednesday 18th October	<i>Between:</i>	Thursday 19th October
5:30 – 6:00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>	3:50 – 4:20 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6:00 – 6:30 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>	4:20 – 4:50 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>
6:30 – 7:00 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>	4:50 – 5:20 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>
7:00 – 7:30 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>	5:20 – 5:50 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>
		5:50 – 6:20 p.m.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Signed : _____ Date: _____