

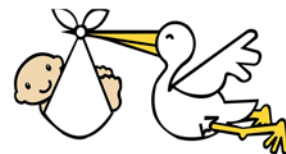


MARCH 2017

Headteacher's Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer, Spring is here and Easter will be with us before we know it!

I am delighted to announce that Mrs. Cobb and Mrs. Robertson are both expecting babies which will be due this summer. I am sure that you will join us in congratulating them both on this lovely news. We are already making plans for what we will do to cover the ladies when they leave for their maternity towards the end of the summer term.



The senior leadership team are considering the best and least disruptive options for the children and we shall let you know exactly what we intend to do once all the necessary plans and appointments have been made.

Year 6 SATs Week - Monday 8th May - Friday 12th May

Year 6 pupils are getting close to their SATs tests now. Please help your child to prepare by continuing to encourage them to work through their revision books and My Maths over the holiday. Little and often will make a huge difference! Please make a note of the above date and ensure your child is in school this week, well rested and prepared. Thank you.

Are you entitled to a £50 Voucher?

Our school receives money called 'Pupil Premium Allocation' (PPA) from the Government to help children who get 'Free School Meals' (FSM) or have had Free School Meals in the last 6 years, to achieve their very best in school. Please note this is separate to the school meals provided for Years R, 1 and 2.

If you have three children in school that would mean you could be entitled to £150 in Vouchers!

If your child has, or has previously had FSM in the last 6 years, Bransgore CofE Primary School has decided to support you directly by offering you the opportunity to spend £50 on equipment and/or uniform that can help support your child. This voucher can be used to purchase items that support your child's education eg uniform, PE Kit or reading book bag.

Each family will be given a voucher per child which can be collected from the school office and taken to PMG Schoolwear, New Milton to be used for payment. The 2016-2017 voucher must be spent by the 31st August 2017. A new one will be issued for eligible pupils at the start of the new academic year 2017.

Reception children will be issued with their voucher in June or July 2016. * This offer is only available once per school year*****

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following;

- Income Support
- Income-based Job Seekers' Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not also entitled to Working Tax Credit, and have an annual gross income, of no more than £16,190 as assessed by HMRC - No other benefits qualify for free school meals

Registering is really quick and easy – if you think you qualify go online for an immediate decision by using the online Free School Meal Eligibility Checking Service provided by Hampshire County Council Catering Services (HC3S). This self-service option is available at: <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/hc3s/freeschoolmeals.htm>

Alternatively, if you want help in applying / completing the form please contact Mrs Saunders in the School Office and we can apply on your behalf.

If your child is in KS1 and receives 'universal free meals' you must still complete the form to apply for free school meals in order to qualify for your Voucher.



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P.E. KITS Please ensure that your child's P.E. Kit is in school and contains all items of clothing during term time. The P.E. kit should contain the following:

Essential items



Gym Bag



Black Plimsolls



White T-Shirt



Royal Blue Shadow stripe Shorts

Optional items



Dark blue, black or grey tracksuit top/trousers



Cheap outdoor trainers

School uniform can be purchased from most clothes shops/supermarkets so long as it is consistent with our dress code. T-shirts / tracksuits and gym bags with the school crest can also be purchased at the PMG School Wear shop in New Milton, although an embroidered crest is not an obligatory part of our uniform. **PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING ARE CLEARLY LABELLED. NAMED ITEMS WILL BE RETURNED TO LOCKERS OR CLASSROOMS, ANY UNNAMED ITEMS FOUND ARE PUT IN LOST PROPERTY WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE SCHOOL FOYER.**

Friday 7th April - BSA Easter themed mufti, all school cake sale and Easter Egg hunt. More details to follow...



School Dates for your diary

Tuesday 28th March - 3:30 - 6:30 - Parent's Evening

Wednesday 29th March - 3:30 - 6:30 - Parent's Evening

Friday 7th April at 2:30pm - Whole School Exit Point

Monday 10th April—Friday 21st April - Easter Holidays

Monday 24th April - Children return to school—Normal time.

Monday 24th - Friday 28th April - Year 5 Residential Trip

Thursday 4th May at 6pm - Head's Coffee & Chat Meeting

Monday 8th May—Friday 12th May - Year 6 SATs Week

Friday 26th May - last day of term—Break up at normal time.

Monday 29th May—Friday 2nd June—Half Term Holidays.

Monday 5th June - Children return to school at the normal time.

BSA Dates for your diary

Friday 7th April - Easter themed Mufti Day, Cake Sale & Easter Egg Hunt.

May 2017 - School Disco - Date to be confirmed

Friday 30th June - Year 6 School Fair

Saturday 15th July - Summer BBQ Family Afternoon & Barn Dance - More details to follow.



PARKING & PLANNED ROAD WORKS

It has been brought to my attention again that parents are parking on the grass verge outside school and parking badly and carelessly in the church car park and pub car park. **PLEASE be thoughtful and considerate when parking.** It is dangerous and a child could be seriously hurt. Everyone must play their part. Please consider parking a little further away and walk the last few metres to school. Thank you for parking safely and carefully.

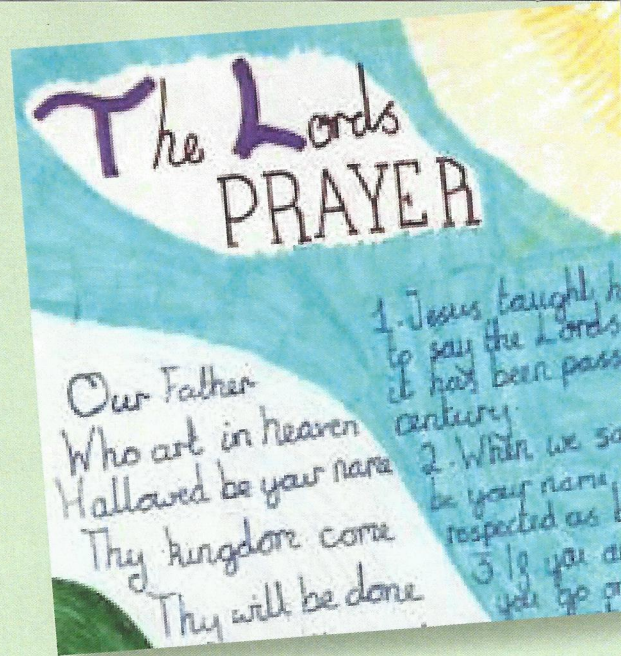
It will be especially important to plan your route to school with the resurfacing to pavements and road which will take place in the village at the **end of March through to the end of April**. Please ensure you leave enough time for children to arrive to school on time, if possible and the weather is nice, walk to school if you live in the village, to help ease the congestion on the roads.

The next Head's Coffee & Chat meeting is at 6:00pm on Thursday 4th May 2017 in the newly completed School Library.

Please could you inform the office before 3rd May if you are able to attend so we can set up the room appropriately. I do hope that you will be able to come along, it is important to find out what is happening in school and let us know your opinions.



Children's Handwriting and Artwork Project 2017



This Project is for children in Year 5 in primary schools. There will be prizes for the best entries, and every child participating will receive a small commemorative gift.

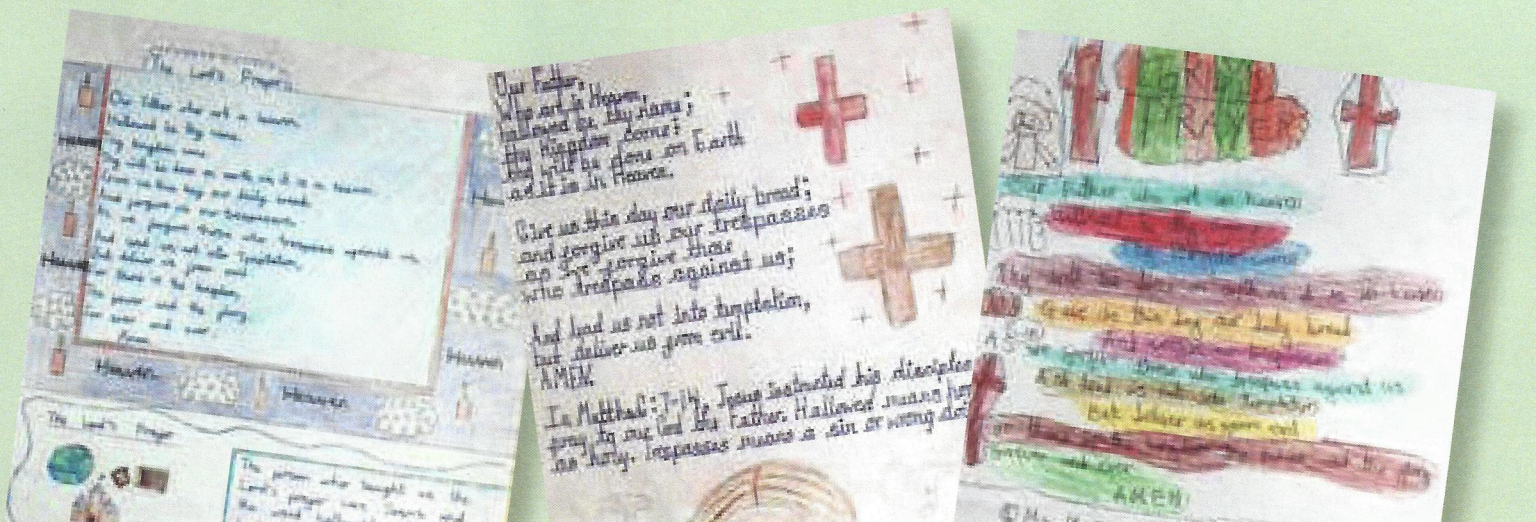
Instructions to the children:

"Our Father who art in Heaven..."

Copy out, in handwriting, the Lord's Prayer and illustrate it any way you like. Then in one paragraph, answer the following questions:

- *What does "hallowed" mean?*
- *What does "trespasses" mean?*
- *Who taught us this prayer?*

(You will find that Matthew 6: 7-14 will help you)



Instructions to the Teacher:

- Each entry should be on ONE SHEET OF A4 PAPER. Illustrations can be in paint, crayons, fabrics etc, but elaborate collage artwork is unsuitable as it can be damaged in the post.
- Each entry MUST CARRY THE CHILD'S FULL NAME INCLUDING SURNAME, date of birth, AND FULL NAME AND POSTAL ADDRESS OF THE SCHOOL.
- Entries should be COLLECTED TOGETHER AND SENT AS A GROUP to:

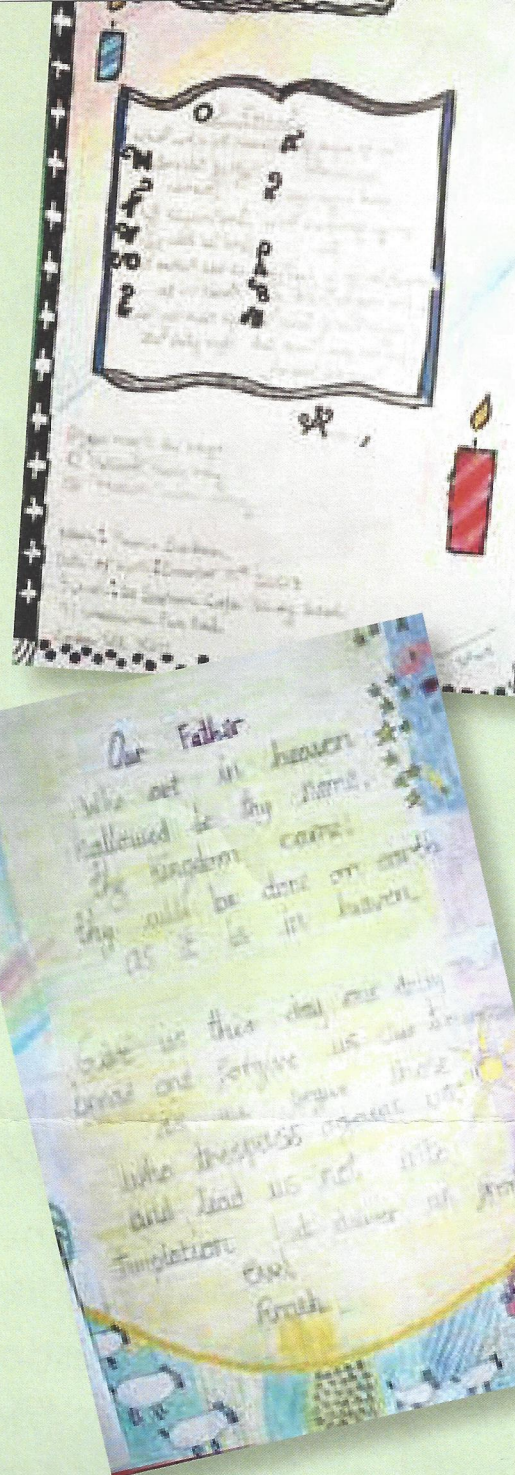
**Children's Handwriting and Artwork Project,
Catholic Union of Great Britain,
St Maximilian Kolbe House, 63 Jeddo Road,
London, W12 9EE
To arrive NO LATER THAN APRIL 28th 2017**

Winners will be notified by the end of the summer term and prizes awarded.

NOTES:

- Children may need to be told that "trespasses" doesn't just mean walking where one shouldn't in a park or on private land!
- We are happy to return entries: please indicate if you want this.

The Children's Handwriting and Artwork Project is sponsored by **Christian Projects**, an ecumenical Christian charity bringing together members of mainstream Christian denominations in Britain, and is run by local volunteers.



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