



# Newsletter



**Autumn themes: New beginnings; forgiveness**

*'Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Matthew 6:12*

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018

## Change of Headteacher

As most of you know, my last day as Headteacher here will be 31<sup>st</sup> December 2018, after which I will be moving on to new adventures. A panel of governors, supported by the local authority and the Diocese, has completed the recruitment process to appoint a new headteacher from January 2019. You will receive a letter from the Chair of Governors, giving you information about the new appointment.

## Courageous Advocacy

As part of our Church School life, we often collect money to help others and make a difference where we can. In the SIAMS inspection this is now a part of what is referred to as Courageous Advocacy – speaking out and making changes to our world where we see injustice.

**Our parents and families are so encouraging, supportive and generous!** After our Harvest Festival, we began a 'silver jar' to collect money for fruit for the children in Tanzania, following another visit from Kathryn in September. Last Thursday, the silver coins were 4cm from the top of the jar with only one day to go..... You've guessed it – on Friday it was full! **Well done to everyone!** Mrs. Sanderson will count the coins and let us know the grand total.



This week the poppies have gone on sale and the children are as enthusiastic as ever about what they will buy from the poppy tray. There are key ring reflectors; friendship bracelets; slap bands and wristbands – all very popular!

## Attendance

Attendance for all classes is over 90% this half-term. **Well done everybody!** A special mention must go to classes 2 and 3 who are almost at 95% - the target attendance percentage. Let's hope everyone avoids the winter bugs next half-term and that nobody takes a holiday in term time.

If you **have to** take your child out of school in term-time, you must provide evidence that this is **unavoidable** for **exceptional** circumstances. Holidays booked and/or paid for by relatives or as a surprise **cannot** be authorised and you could be fined, especially if your child's attendance is under 90%.

**The target attendance is 95%.**

Class	Sept - Oct
Family Unit	92%
Class 2	94%
Class 3	94%
Class 4	91%

*Please note that I am not allowed to authorise any holidays at all in term time unless the circumstances are **exceptional**. We have tried to encourage parents not to take their children out of school by drawing your attention to this in our newsletters and prospectus but our attendance has not improved and the main reason for this is pupils being taken out of school for term-time holidays.*

*If you take an unauthorised holiday you will be called into school for a formal attendance meeting and you are highly likely to incur a penalty fine if you do not produce evidence of exceptional circumstances.*