



# Brighstone C.E. Aided Primary School

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## Messy Church – Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Dear parents/carers of Years 3, 4, 5 and 6,

Following our successful Messy Church session for Reception and Key Stage One in the summer term, we are pleased to say that Key Stage Two children will also have the opportunity to take part in this fun activity. This will take place on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October between 1pm – 2.40pm at the local Methodist Church.

Messy Church is for families and others. It is Christ-centred, for all ages, based on creativity, hospitality and celebration. Please click on the link to watch a short video showing what Messy Church is all about: <https://www.messychurch.org.uk/>

The children will participate in a range of creative activities, story time and short worship/prayer, exploring the theme of generosity, linking with the school's Collective Worship theme for this half term. They will be encouraged to talk about their experiences and have fun!

The activities, led by members of the church community, will include:

- Planting spring/Christmas bulbs, and decorating toppers and pots – God's future generosity
- Creating leaf prints – God's past generosity
- Writing thank you prayers on fish/loaf shapes for the prayer tree in school
- Creating an autumn nature scene using found objects
- Making marzipan/fondant sweets to take home shaped as either fish or fruit – God's abundant generosity
- Marshmallow in chocolate fountain – God's unending generosity
- Story time and singing

A Quiet Corner will also be set up for children to sit and write a poem or illustrate/colour in pictures.

**Children are each asked to bring in a small and lightweight natural object they feel is associated with the generosity of God, to be added to the collage, which will then be taken back to school.**

Parents, grandparents and carers are very welcome to come along and join in with their child. If you are interested in taking part, please reply by return of email by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October, and then meet us on the 19<sup>th</sup> at the Methodist Church on New Road at 1pm.

If you wish to collect your child directly from the church at the end of the school day, please also indicate this in your reply.

**Please include in your email reply:**

*I understand that my child will be taking part in the Messy Church activities at the Methodist Church on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 1pm.*

*There will be ..... (number of adults) accompanying my child.*

*I will take my child home from the Methodist Church at 2.40pm*

OR

*I will collect my child from school at 2.45pm.*

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

Mrs Rebecca Lennon