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Dear Parents



We've had a busy and exciting week at St Mary's. Our Reception class had a great morning looking at, climbing over and learning all about tractors.

We had a successful book fair, thank you all for coming along and supporting this.

Our Year 4 pupils visited St Osmund's this week and had a really good Science session.

Finally, we had our panto, Cinderella which all the children thoroughly enjoyed watching.



World Book Day at St Mary's

World Book Day will be on Thursday 1st March this year. At St Mary's we are going to celebrate this day by asking the children to come into school dressed up as a comic strip character or a superhero. We look forward to seeing all the different outfits.



500 word story competition

You may be aware of the writing competition that BBC radio 2 organise called 500 words.

At St Mary's we would love for as many of our children to take part in this competition as possible. We have been working on short-stories in our lessons and next Thursday we will send home with your child the story that they have started in school. It would be amazing if these could be finished at home with you and then entered into this competition. There will be a letter next Thursday with further information, if you would like to know more about this competition in the meantime, please go to

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4h26FXFQ4KfMV7VVsbJxY3g/500-words-2018>

Dorset Library Service – Children's and Young People's Survey

The Dorset Library Service want to find out what children and young people think of the library service provided for them, and any suggestions they have as to how the service can be improved. All Dorset Libraries and Community Managed Libraries will be running a survey for two weeks from 12th – 24th February.

All children and young people up to 16 years of age will be asked to complete a simple questionnaire asking them about their use of the library and their satisfaction with core services.

Parents or carers of children aged 0 – 7 will be asked to complete the survey on behalf of their children.

If you are able to visit your local Library, I am sure they would appreciate you taking part in this survey.

Haycorns Valentine's Cake Sale

Haycorns pre-school are holding a Valentine's Cake sale next Thursday 8th February at pick up time. They will be holding this at the front of the school, so please do visit them.

Next week at St Mary's

Next Monday our Reception class are taking part in a Dance Festival at Dorchester Middle School, this is a really fun event for them.

We have our Parent's Evenings next Monday and Tuesday, if you haven't booked a time to see your child's teacher and wish to do so, please speak to the school office. We tried a new online booking system which we hope made the process of booking easier for you, if you have any comments about this, please let Sharon in the office know.

Just a reminder that Mass is no longer being held next Wednesday, this is now a Liturgy just for the children, our next Mass will be on Wednesday 21st March.

The children will be finishing school for this half term next Thursday as there is a staff training day on Friday. I hope you enjoy your half term break and we look forward to seeing all the children back on Monday 19th February.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P Fearn'.

Mrs Paula Fearn
Head Teacher