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Dear Parents

### Weekly Newsletter

Welcome to our Reception children who started full time with us on Wednesday, we are very pleased to have them with us. All the children at St Mary's have worked really hard this week so you may notice that you have a tired child over the weekend. We hope they have a good and relaxing weekend ready to start back here on Monday for another great week.

### E-safety rules

In February we held an E-safety day at St Mary's working with all the children looking at this topic. Following on from this work we have our new E-safety rules. We hope you will be able to talk through these rules with your child(ren) and be able to complete the form and return it to the school office by next Friday.

We believe it is important for children to understand the safety rules around using the internet and emails but know this is something that needs to be talked through and explained both in school and at home. We will continue to hold an E-safety day annually at St Mary's and many thanks for your help in completing this.

### Medication and Care Plans

If your child(ren) have prescribed medication that they take when at St Mary's please could you ensure that it's in date and in school for example, Inhalers for asthma. If you know that your child's care plan has changed, please let the school office know, many thanks.

### South West Celebrate Weekend

For those that would be interested the South West Celebrate Weekend is an event for young and old, where all are welcome. The dates are 14th/15th October and it will be held at Notre Dame School, Looseleigh Lane, Plymouth PL6 5HN. If you would like more details please see their website [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org)

### School Library books

Please would you mind having a look to see if you have any of the school library books still at home that your child(ren) used last term. If you do have any library books, please be kind enough to return them to the school.

### Lunches

Just to let you know that if our lunchtime staff sees that your child hasn't eaten much of their lunch we will send a note home to you to let you know. We hope this will be useful to let you know if there is a pattern or any issues.



### **Information for next week**

As normal, the start of a new school year is quite busy with information coming out to parents, next week Years 2, 3 and 4 will receive information about after school clubs, all parents will receive information about attendance and free school meals along with a copy of the contact details we have for each child which need to be checked and amended if necessary and returned to the school office.

### **School Car Park**

The gate to the school car park is open at present due to it not working properly. Please note that the school car park should not be used during drop off and pick up times as this makes it very unsafe for the children. There are only a few people who have been given permission to use the car park for exceptional circumstances so we would please ask that you do not use the car park and park sensibly on the roads surrounding the school. We just want to ensure that the children here are safe so many thanks for your attention to this.

### **Mass**

Our next Mass at St Mary's will be on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 9.15 am. All are welcome to join us for Mass; we look forward to seeing you.

### **Blogs**

If you haven't looked at the Blogs on the school website, please do, they will show you what the children have been doing in school and plans for the future. If you go to the home page of the website <http://www.stmarysdorchester.dorset.sch.uk/website> and click on the Blogs link you will see each class has their own area and a weekly blog.

### **Newsletters**

Each Friday our newsletter comes out to keep you up to date and let you know of some of the activities that have been happening at the school along with dates for the future. The newsletter and other letters that have gone out during the week are uploaded to the school website under the News link and then under the month that we are currently in.

We will also be putting in more dates of events/activities in future newsletters so that you know what is happening in advance. We hope you find this useful.

### **Parent's Coffee Morning**

It was nice to have some of our new parents at the coffee morning this morning; all are welcome each Friday morning to have a coffee, chat and biscuits in the Kidszone building. It is a good way to meet other parents, please feel free to pop along when you would like.

Yours Sincerely



Mrs Paula Fearn  
**Head Teacher**