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Dear Parents

Weekly Newsletter

Meet the Teacher Evening – Monday 9th October

Thank you for signing up to come along to our Meet the Teacher Evening next Monday which will be held in the school hall.

Each slot will be five minutes long and it is an opportunity for you to tell the teacher about your child. Later in the school year we will be holding a fuller Parent's Evening when you will receive information from the teacher about how your child is progressing.

PTA Get Together

The PTA get together went well this morning with a good number of parents offering to help with the PTA over the next year. Thank you for coming along, if you are interested in becoming involved you are welcome to come along to forthcoming PTA meetings.

Thank you to the PTA

A big thank you to the PTA for giving each class £100.00 towards the cost of future trips for the children. This money will help to reduce the cost of school trips and travelling to various places and make these more affordable for parents.

Film at Thomas Hardy School for Year 4 and above

For information, we have been informed that there will be an interesting and powerful film due to be shown at the Thomas Hardy School on November 17th in the evening. **A Plastic Ocean** film is suitable for ages 8 and above; and really will get you and your children thinking!

Follow these links for a film trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6zrn4-FfbXw> and information about buying your tickets: www.creativedynamo.net/tickets. From there you can sign up to the newsletter and social media and be notified once ticketing goes live and if there are discounts etc. Tickets will also be available at Dorchester Tourist information in the Library.

Help with Uniform

Please could we ask that you practice with your child(ren) taking their uniform on and off to help them for when they are changing for PE and then back into uniform. If you can practice at home with your child this would really help them and the teachers to get them ready more easily.

Safety at St Mary's

I have had numerous parents come to talk to me over the last few weeks concerning the safety of their children at pick up and drop off times. They have raised again the issue of parents during these times driving too fast near to the school and double parking at the top of the school. I would please ask you to not double park at the top of the school, there is further roadside parking in the neighbouring roads with only a short walk into school. We recently had to call an ambulance to an emergency at St Mary's and they found it very hard to get through the road at the top due to double parking.

Also, if your child(ren) cycle or scooter to school, please ask them to get off of their bike or scooter at the gate and walk them down the path as riding them down the path is again dangerous for other pupils walking on the path.

Many thanks for your attention to this important matter.

New Incredible Years Course in the Evening Course

For information, Incredible Years is an evidence base parenting programme to support parents to focus on promoting their child's social and emotional competence and ways to help their child be successful in school. There is an evening course starting on 12th October 2017 at Maiden Newton Preschool on Thursday evenings for 14 weeks.

If you are interested, please contact Fiona Evans, Activity Worker and Family Worker - Mobile 07557587848 or Centre Dorchester 01305 221348.

Thanksgiving Mass – Wednesday 11th October

We will be having our Thanksgiving Mass next Wednesday at 9.15 am. If you would like to donate any non-perishable food we will collect this and it will be given to the local Women's Refuge. You are all warmly welcome to attend this Mass, we look forward to seeing you there.

Yours Sincerely



Mrs Paula Fearn
Head Teacher