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Dear Parents

Weekly Newsletter

St Mary's is feeling festive and our rehearsals for the Christmas plays next week are coming along really well. To help with the festive feeling, last Friday the children had a very special visitor which we hope they told you all about – Father Christmas!

We look forward to seeing all our families at the Christmas plays next week.

Christmas Party – Wednesday 13th December

As you know we have our whole school Christmas party next Wednesday so children can come to school on this day in party clothes. We have lots of great activities for them to do and a party lunch.

Be a Stamp Champ

CLIC Sargent who raise vital funds for young lives vs cancer are running a campaign to collect used postage stamps. St Mary's would like to support this campaign and ask if you are able, please keep any stamps you receive on your Christmas cards and post over the Christmas and New Year period. These can then be handed into the school during the first week back after our Christmas break and we will send them off to CLIC to help them raise more funds. Please see the posters in classrooms. Many thanks for any support you can give to this.

DASP Music Services - Would you like to join a musical group in January?

DASP Ensembles are recruiting new members for the following groups:

Skylarks Choir – for Years 2 – 6. Thursday 3.45 – 4.30pm @ Manor Park First School, Dorchester - Learn to sing songs in harmony in a variety of styles in a friendly choir.

Treblemakers Boys Vocal Group – Years 4 – 8. Tuesdays 3.45- 4.45pm @ St Mary's Catholic First School, Dorchester - Sing pop and rock songs with other like-minded boys!

Stringalings – for beginner string players – Wednesdays 4 – 4.55pm @ Thomas Hardye School
Open to all beginner string players, even if you can only play open strings. No need to be able to read music.

Training Windband – for beginner wind/brass players – Wednesdays 4 – 4.55pm @ Thomas Hardye School - Open to all wind/brass players who can play 5 notes or more.



Colourstrings sessions – General music classes for KS1 children. Learn to perform songs, rhymes and rhythms, listen and have fun in a warm and positive environment.

All groups will have the opportunity to perform in the large DASP concert in the Weymouth Pavilion in the summer term.

For more information, please see www.daspmusic.co.uk

Friday 15th December – Annual Carol Service

We will be holding our annual carol service next Friday at 1.30 pm. All families are welcome to join us for this service and our Reception class will have a special role as a class.

If parents are able to attend the Carol Service and wish to take their children home at the end of it they are welcome to. If parents are unable to take their children then or unable to join us, then pick up will be at normal time.

New Year - 2018

We have a staff training day on Tuesday 2nd January and children are back on Wednesday 3rd January 2018.

Yours Sincerely



Mrs Paula Fearn
Head Teacher