

# St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



6th September 2024



Dear Parent /Carers

Welcome back to all of our families and children. We hope that you all had a super summer. The children have been a credit to all of you, showing a very positive attitude and remembering the rules of: being ready, being respectful and being safe. We are excited to see the progress that your children will make over this academic year and to watch them grow in their confidence. Thank you for helping the children make such a positive start to the term.

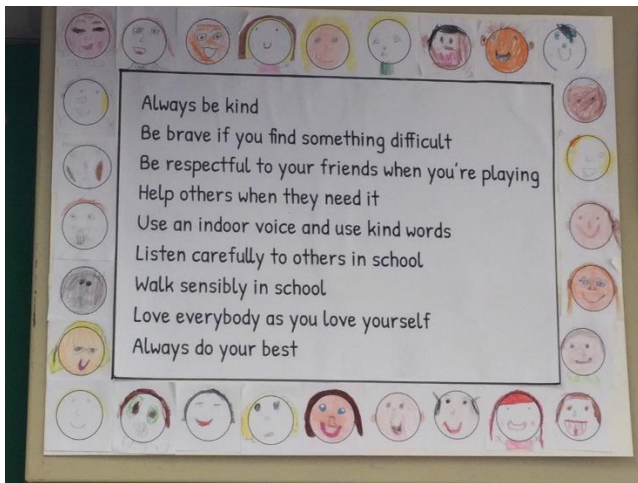
## Updates from classrooms

It has been lovely to see all the children return back to St Mary's this week. We have a little update from some classes. We look forward to hearing what all our classes have been up to in next week's newsletter. It has been a very busy four days and we are very proud of our St Mary's children.

## Anning

We have had a fantastic first week back at school and it has been an absolute pleasure to welcome our new Anning class. They are great!

We have created a super class contract and it looks really good with our pictures around it. We also have a gallery of portraits that look superb in our cloakroom. We have already enjoyed writing poetry, counting in maths, learning about our body in science, creating a timeline in history and learning our new daily prayers. We are definitely going to have an absolutely amazing year!



## Maiden Castle

Year 3 have had an amazing first week back! We have been focusing on how we can look after our classroom, school and our planet. They have created some fantastic posters on how to look after our planet and a song to go with it. We have been learning about place value in maths and using a timeline and the Stone Age in history.

## Iceni

We have had a great week this week in Year 4. Today was particularly exciting as we met our Reception Buddies for the first time.

In maths, we have started looking at Place Value and in English, we have been writing leaflets advertising the best that Dorchester has to offer. Next week we will be looking at the poetry of Maya Angelou.

## Upcoming events

We will have lots of events to look forward to more. Information will follow

Year Group	fundraising /Idea/Event	Date of the event
Whole school	Flu immunisation	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> September
Whole school	Children finish for half term	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October

## Food Links

**AUTUMN TERM MENU**

**13th September**

Brace yourselves, Roald Dahl Day is just around the corner on Friday, 13th September! We'll be whipping up 'James' Mudburger (Beef) or Cheese & Farmer Beans Burger for you snapperwhippers to enjoy along with Bruce Bogtrotter's Gluttonous Chocolate Cake and Chocolate Sauce for pudding. A scrumptious and delumptious lunch indeed that will keep the babbling chatbags quiet at lunchtime and energised all afternoon.

**23rd Sept - 4th Oct**

23rd September – 4th October is British Food Fortnight, and what could be more British than the Nation's Favourite Mild Chicken Tikka Masala, Roast British Pork Loin or Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese. All of our fresh meat is British, and all of our dairy is sourced in the Southwest. A real British feast awaits, you won't want to miss it.

**30th Sept - 4th Oct**

It's National Vegetarian Week from 30th September – 4th October, we love our Somerset Cheese & 5 Veg Tomato sauce Pizzas, and we know you do too, but have you tried our delicious Hamity Pie or Vegetable and Bean Enchiladas, just as good and full of veggie goodness to power you through until home time.

**5th November**

Remember, remember to order your school meal for the 5th of November, Gunpowder, treason and Hot Dogs, Banging! And for pud, our amazing Sticky Toffee Pudding with Custard, Yum!

Vegetarian Society National Vegetarian Week

www.localfoodlinks.org.uk

15 YEARS LOCAL FOOD LINKS

## Message from PTA

Hi, I'm Sophie Eversden and I am the new chair of the St Mary's PTA.

We are a friendly group of parents who support the school in various ways throughout the year. There are lots of opportunities to get involved — for anyone who would like to help you can choose to do as much or as little as you want. Supporting the PTA in any way is a great way to meet other parents while making sure the school can offer our kids as many opportunities as possible. See attached for more information about who we are, what we do and how you can get involved.

We aim to host an informal meeting in the coming weeks for you to learn more — whether you are a returning parent or have a child starting Reception this year, we would love to meet you. And stay tuned for further information our first event of the year — school disco on Friday 18 October!

Have a good weekend.

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