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Dear Parents

We have had a busy week leading up to the half term holiday.

We started with an Open Morning for prospective parents for children starting Reception Class next September which was well attended. We have two more Open Mornings so if you know of any parents who would like to visit and find out more about St Mary's, please let them know. The dates are Friday 8th November at 9.00 am and Tuesday 12th November at 1.15 pm.

The School Nurse visited our Reception Class children for a Healthy Ted talk which they all enjoyed.

Our Year 4 class visited the Maths Café at Manor Park school where the children had to order their food and drink, calculate the cost and work out their change. It was a fantastic experience for them.

Today all the children and staff wore their pyjamas and raised £230.00 towards a Defibrillator. Many thanks for all the kind donations.

Message from Dorset Fire & Rescue Service

Please see below a message from the Fire Service:

As you are aware Halloween, Bonfire night and Diwali are soon approaching and as a consequence more candles, fireworks and sparklers are used, increasing the risk of fire and/or burns especially to younger children.

Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service have produced a short video on our Youtube channel: <https://youtu.be/hEoHwiw5LYU> highlighting the importance of fire safety when choosing costumes/fancy dress clothes for your children and the importance of staying away from naked flames.

Remember: If clothes do catch fire: stop, drop and roll. If someone is burnt, cool (under cold water for at least 20 minutes), call (for help) and cover (first aid as appropriate).

Please visit www.dwfire.org.uk for further safety tips.

Offer to St Mary's families from the Weymouth Pavilion

The Weymouth Pavilion have the Panto Cinderella running in December. They have reserved a section of 100 seats in the theatre for St Mary's families for a discount.

They are offering tickets at a cost of £13.00 each, which is a saving of £4.00 a ticket. The seats are available for the 6.00 pm show on Sunday 15th December. If you would like to book tickets, please let the School Office or the PTA know how many you would like. You can pay by either cash or cheque. Cheques can be made out to 'St Mary's Catholic First School.

The PTA will then book the tickets with the Pavilion on your behalf.

The deadline for ordering these tickets is Friday 8th November.

Christmas Cards

Many thanks to all the Christmas Card orders that have come into the office, the children have drawn and painted some great pictures. The final deadline for bringing in your order is our first day back Tuesday 5th November and they will then be collected for printing.

Upcoming Dates

Please see our upcoming dates

Monday 4 th November	Inset Training Day – no children in school
Tuesday 5 th November	Children return to school
Thursday 7 th November	Multi-skills PE workshop for Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 – PE kits needed
Friday 8 th November	Open Morning for prospective parents for Reception Class September 2020 – 9.00 am (second of three open mornings)
Friday 8 th November	PTA Firework Event at St Mary's - gates open 5.00 pm, fireworks at 7.00 pm
Monday 11 th November	Year 2 attending Remembrance Service
Monday 11 th November	Year 3 & 4 – Michael Rosen Show – Weymouth Pavilion
Tuesday 12 th November	Year 3 using the Inflatable Museum
Tuesday 12 th November	Parent Workshop - Reading - 9.00 am
Tuesday 12 th November	Year 1 trip to Tesco
Tuesday 12 th November	Open Morning for prospective parents for Reception Class September 2020 – 1.15 pm (third of three open mornings)
Thursday 14 th November	Parent Workshop - Reading - 2.45 pm
Monday 18 th November	Year 2 – Healthy Mouth & Teeth talk
Wednesday 20 th November	Mass at St Mary's – 9.00 am – all families welcome
Friday 22 nd November	Parent Workshop - Maths – 9.00 am

Monday 25 th November	Parent Workshop - Spelling – 2.45 pm
Tuesday 26 th November	Nasal Flu Vaccination Day
Friday 29 th November	Parent Workshop - Spelling – 9.00 am
Friday 29 th November	PTA Cake Sale (cakes from Year 3 parents) – pick up time
Monday 2 nd December	School Nurse drop-in session – 8.45-9.15 am
Monday 2 nd December	Year 4 visit to ‘Journey to the Stable’ – United Church in Dorchester
Monday 2 nd December	Christmas Stories Evening at St Mary’s (all children invited to listen to Christmas Stories & drink hot chocolate) – 5.00-7.00 pm (times to be confirmed)
Tuesday 3 rd December	Parent Workshop - Maths – 9.00 am
Friday 6 th December	The Book Bus is visiting St Mary’s – opportunity for families to look at & buy books
Monday 16 th December	School Nativity Plays – details to be confirmed
Tuesday 17 th December	School Nativity Plays – details to be confirmed
Wednesday 18 th December	PTA running the Christmas Shop – details to be confirmed
Thursday 19 th December	School Christmas Party – during school hours – children to wear party clothes on this day
Thursday 19 th December	Carol Service – 6.00 pm at Holy Trinity Church – all families welcome
Friday 20 th December	PTA Cake Sale (cakes from Year 4 parents) – pick up time
Friday 20 th December	Children finish for Christmas Holidays
Monday 6 th January 2020	Children return to School

We hope you all enjoy the half term break, we look forward to seeing you back at St Mary’s on Tuesday 5th November.

Yours Sincerely



Mrs Paula Fearn
Head Teacher