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Dear Parents

The children here have had a good week of learning and fun activities at St Mary's and children at home have been working hard using our online platforms.



Today our Year 2, 3 & 4 classes had a virtual author talk by Teresa Heapy. The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to Teresa read several of her stories, she has written the very little red riding hood and very little cinderella. We also have some of Teresa's books in our library at St Mary's.

Teresa told the children how she gets ideas for her stories, she has written over 70 books. She talked about how she develops her ideas into longer stories. The children then took part in a Q&A session and asked some great questions, one being how she starts writing the books and she told the children that she starts by writing with pen and paper and then once she has a first draft, then puts it onto a computer.

Dorchester Community Church collected the donated food from our Harvest collection on Tuesday and they were incredibly grateful for the donations and wanted to thank our families for their generosity.

Please note:

If at any time during the next two weeks should anyone in your household test positive for COVID 19, please can you email the school office at office@stmarysdorchester.dorset.sch.uk to inform us – many thanks

Christmas Cards

If anyone has forgotten to bring in their child's Christmas card picture but wish to order Christmas cards to be printed from it, please bring these in on Monday 2nd November as this is the last day that we can collect them in as they will be posted off to be printed on Tuesday 3rd.

Food Links Autumn Menu

The food links Autumn hot lunch menu is now live on their ordering site, if you want to order hot lunches for your child, please do this for the coming weeks.

Today we took a photo of our Reception class which will be published along with all the other Reception classes in the local area in a future edition of the Dorset Echo. We will let Reception parents know when this will be published.

We hope that you enjoy your two week half term break and look forward to seeing you on Monday 2^{nd} November.

Yours sincerely

P. Fearn

Mrs Paula Fearn **Head Teacher**