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22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019

Dear Parents

Thank you to all the children who decorated and came into school today on their bikes and scooters, they looked amazing.

This week Father Barry held Mass for the pupils and their families, it was lovely that so many of you could join us.

Year 2 had Dr Bradley in this week teaching them about having healthy mouths and teeth.

Haycorns and our Reception class had their Nursery Rhyme week this week, they have taken part in various activities around Nursery Rhymes. It was great to have so many Haycorns and Reception parents join us at the end of the day to see what the children have been doing each day. The children really enjoyed showing what they had learnt and made.

Our DASP PE specialist was in again this week working with our Reception class, they were climbing and balancing on our PE apparatus, they did very well.

Wessex FM popped into St Mary's and met some of the children and gave us some Be Safe Be Seen stickers. These can go on book bags, backpacks, etc. to help children be seen when it is dark. These will be coming home in book bags.

Also this week, you should have received a Christmas Shop order form, if you would like your child to take part in this (optional), then please return the order form by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. If you haven't got the order form, there will be one on our website under News and November 2019 or you can pop into the office to collect one.

This morning Mr Kay ran a parent workshop on Maths, we hope those that came along found it interesting and useful. There is another workshop on Maths on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 9 am as well as workshops on Spelling on either 25<sup>th</sup> or 29<sup>th</sup> November, please see the upcoming dates below.

You should also have received a text to let you know which day your child(ren) will be performing in the school nativity play on either Monday 16<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December. A letter with further details and tickets will come home shortly.



Our Mystery Readers are now coming into all the various classrooms to read stories to the children. Different parents, grandparents are coming in at 3 pm on a Tuesday to read to our children, the children are really enjoying this.

Just a reminder of our Friday coffee mornings, all parents are welcome to come along at drop off time for a cup of tea/coffee and to have a chat with other parents.

## Upcoming Dates

**Please see our upcoming dates**

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Workshop - Spelling – 2.45 pm
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Nasal Flu Vaccination Day
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Workshop - Spelling – 9.00 am
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	PTA Cake Sale (cakes from Year 3 parents) 3pm
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	School Nurse drop-in session – 8.45-9.15 am
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Year 4 visit to ‘Journey to the Stable’ – United Church in Dorchester
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christmas Stories Evening at St Mary’s (all children invited to listen to Christmas Stories & drink hot chocolate) – 5.00-7.00 pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Parent Workshop - Maths – 9.00 am
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Rudolph Run for Weldmar Hospice 9.00 am – information to follow – parents are invited to come and join the children doing a sponsored run or walk
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Wessex FM recording Year 4
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	The Book Bus is visiting St Mary’s – opportunity for families to look at & buy books
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	School Nativity Plays – details to be confirmed
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	School Nativity Plays – details to be confirmed
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA running the Christmas Shop – details to be confirmed
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Haycorns’ Mini Christmas Production – Haycorns’ parents invited for 10 am in the School hall
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Party – during school hours – children to wear party clothes on this day
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service – 6.00 pm at Holy Trinity Church – all families welcome
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Children finish for Christmas Holidays
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020	Children return to School

Yours Sincerely

*P. Fearn*

Mrs Paula Fearn  
Head Teacher