

St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



17th September 2021



Terrific Tuesday – well done to all



Dear Parents

At St Mary's we have had a great week. We have started **Terrific Tuesday**. Our St Mary's Citizens & Branches of Love pupils share hot chocolate & marshmallows with Mrs Fearn to celebrate their success.



Where we're from in the world

We have a lovely large map of the world in our school hall & we would like parents to pop into the school office to write on a speech bubble to go onto the map to show where they or their

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families have originated from along with a note of something special or interesting about that place. We will then pin these bubbles to our map so that the children can explore other family's heritage and learn more about the world.

Please pop in over the coming two weeks – thank you. (please if possible, wear a face mask)



Upcoming Dates

Friday 24th September – Parent Workshop at 1.00pm – Mrs Bourne will be holding a virtual workshop for parents on supporting reading at home (30 minute workshop)

Tuesday 28th September – Parent Workshop at 2.00pm – Mr Kay will be holding a virtual workshop for parents to introduce our new Maths programme Power Maths (30 minute workshop)

Both of the above workshops will be recorded & uploaded to the website if

you are unable to make the live workshop.

We will be sending out a sign-up sheet for the workshops on Monday so that we can email you the google meet invite.

Week 11th-15th October – Parent's Evenings – during this week Teachers will be holding parent's evening meetings with parents via google meet or by phone. Teachers will contact you via Google Classroom to arrange these meetings nearer the time.

Thursday 14th October - Mass at St Mary's – Father Barry will be holding Mass for the children.

Week 11th-15th October – Mental Health week at St Mary's. We will explore a variety of ways to keep our minds healthy.

Friday 15th October – Laudato Si Harvest Day – children to wear home clothes suitable for gardening, apple pressing & inside activities.

If you are able, please could children bring in on **Friday 15th** a non-perishable food item that we will then donate to the local Dorchester food bank.

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Bike to School



St Mary's will again be taking part in Bike to School Week. We will be encouraging more children and families to bike, walk or scoot to school during the **week 27th September-1st October**.

As part of this week, the charity Sustrans will be visiting our school on **Thursday 30th** to offer a 'Dr Bike' bike maintenance service. Any bike brought in on that day will be serviced for free by Dr Bike!

So please encourage your children to bike, scooter or walk during this week.

Celebrating birthdays at St Mary's

When a child at St Mary's celebrates their birthday, we present them with a special pencil at Assembly & the whole school sing Happy Birthday to them. It is a special, lovely time.

As we celebrate birthdays in school, we would ask that children do not bring in sweets to hand out to other children on their birthday as in the world of 2021, we have children with different allergies, intolerances, etc. – many thanks.



This week's Kids Corner comes from Year 2. This is what the children have really enjoyed doing and learning this week.

I enjoyed Art, we were using blue colours to make light & dark lines

Alfie

I like Power Maths because it's so challenging

Evanna

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I really enjoyed doing
my story map about a
chocolate cake

Molly

I really enjoyed
labelling parts of
Lulworth Castle

Jack

I've enjoyed everything
this week, especially PE.
We used a parachute &
played a cat & mouse
game

Ottie

A lot of laughs from Beau:

Why did the goalie put on his swimming trunks?

Because he liked diving



Annual Permissions

Thank you to all the parents who have completed the annual permissions, please can any parents who haven't completed this information regarding allergies, photo permissions, etc. do so over this weekend – many thanks.

Family Data

Coming home today will be the information that we hold for your child plus family contact details.

It is a requirement that we hold at least two contacts for your child in the event that we need to contact you during the school day.

Please return these forms with any changes/additions to the school office by the end of next week. If any of these details change during the year, please email the school office so that we can keep details up to date – many thanks.

Have a good weekend

P. Fearn

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Headteacher