

St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



8th October 2021



Celebrating our St Mary's Citizens



Dear Parents

We have had a good week at St Mary's. Year 3 & 4 celebrated National Poetry Week by watching a live stream by Michael Rosen yesterday. The children really enjoyed this.

Since the start of term the children & teachers have been establishing the new class names that we agreed on at the end of last term. The names are:

Library - **Thomas Hardy Library**

Haycorns – **Kingston**

Reception - **Maurward**

Year 1 - **Shire Class**

Year 2 - **Anning Class**

Year 3 - **Maumbury Class**

Year 4 - **Icen Class**

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Celebrating our readers & Writers



Every week a class teacher picks their star writer of the week. The children awarded Star Writer are given a special pencil.

Every week we also have a draw for our readers who have read every day & completed their reading journals. The pupil drawn each week by the class teacher can pick a new book to keep.

So, please encourage your child to read at home & complete their reading journals.

St Mary's Swimming Pool

We have a small team of parents who regularly check the water quality of our swimming pool whilst we are using it during the summer.

We would like to increase this team for next year. We would give new parent helpers some training & guidance on how to carry out these checks. They take 5 minutes to do each time plus some occasional Sunday mornings to help clean the pool more thoroughly.

If you would be interested in joining this team of helpers & would like to know more, one of the current team will run a quick information session at pick up time one afternoon to show you what would be involved so you could decide if you are able to help out.

Please email the school office just to show your initial interest so that we can let you know about the pick-up time briefing session.

Thank You

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PTA Meeting

Just to let you know we will be holding a PTA meeting after the half term break. We will let you know more at the beginning of November.

Halloween Trail



During half term St Mary's will put on a Halloween Trail around Dorchester. Families have volunteered to place a picture and a jumbled up word in their windows and you have to match the picture and work out the Halloween word. It is suitable for all ages as younger ones can match the pictures only.

A worksheet will be sold for £2 each from the 'Room of Joy' at pick up 3.00-3.10pm between next Monday & Friday.

When you return to school on Monday 1st November, please bring your worksheet to the 'Room of Joy' and a member of the PTA will award you with your prize.

Please take part in this SPOOKTACULAR event for families and friends.

Please note, some dates below have changed:

Upcoming Dates	
Wks 11 th -19 th Oct	Parents Evenings via google classroom or phone – invites via google classroom
Wk 11 th -15 th Oct	World Mental Health Day is 10 th Oct. We provide opportunities to care for our children's mental health & wellbeing as part of our curriculum but they will have another emphasis on it during this week with their class.
Thurs 14 th Oct (moved food donations to this day)	Mass for pupils at St Mary's – please if possible, can children bring in non-perishable food donations on this day.
Fri 15 th Oct	Neal Layton (Author) – virtual workshop with Year 2, 3 & 4
Mon 18 th Oct (moved from Fri 15 th due to a virtual author visit)	Laudato Si Harvest Day – activity home clothes to be worn
Tues 19 th Oct 10-11am	Open morning at St Mary's for prospective Reception 2022 parents

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This week's Kids Corner comes from Year 4. This is what the children have really enjoyed doing and learning this week.

I loved learning about Charlie & the Chocolate Factory. We got to taste chocolate.

Grace

Learning about India, listening to Parshwa talk about Ganesh

Astin

Archery was great, trying to get the highest team score.

All of Year 4

I loved learning about Tag Rugby. It's a great game.

Noah

I liked learning about Abraham in RE

Adam

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A lot of laughs from Grace:

Why did the turkey join a band?

Because he had drumsticks!!



Christmas card designs

If you would like to order any Christmas cards, wrapping paper, key rings from your child's Christmas drawing, please complete the order form & return it with the correct payment to the school office by next **Tuesday 12th October**. After this date, the designs will be sent by courier to the printer – many thanks.

Have a good weekend

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