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Dear Parents

We hope you all had a good half term break, it is lovely to see all the children back and ready for the new half term.

Year 4 have been rehearsing for their DASP Concert next Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, all children will need a packed lunch on this day. As a reminder for Year 4 parents, the concert in the evening, doors open for pupils to arrive at 6.00 pm and the concert starts at 6.30 pm.

We had our Ash Wednesday Liturgy this week and the children received their ashes from Father Barry. I've attached the Lent Calendar to the newsletter email, there are lovely daily activities to do as a family. It would be great to get some feedback on how this goes.

Next Monday our Year 2 class will be sharing their Gospel Value prayers with their parents, all Year 2 parents are invited to come along at 3.00 pm next Monday.

Next Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March St Mary's will be dressing up to celebrate **World Book Day**, we look forward to seeing all the imaginative ideas and costumes.

### **Lent at St Mary's**

During Lent we will not be fundraising but we would like to collect food for the local Food Bank. It would be lovely if your child could bring in an item of non-perishable food i.e. soup, pasta, cereal, etc. to school during Lent. At the end of Lent (9<sup>th</sup> April) we will take all the items to the Food Bank.

### **Bike it Breakfast**

Next Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March we will be holding a Fairtrade Bike it Breakfast, if your child cycles to school or comes on their scooter on this day, you are invited to arrive from 8.15 am to join us for breakfast, just turn up, no need to book.





Bingo tickets now on sale from the PTA, last year the event was extremely popular so ensure you get your tickets early.

### **School Uniform Policy**

We like you have high expectations for our children at St Mary's. Please support your child in wearing their school uniform with pride. Our School Uniform Policy has been reviewed and updated, please see a copy attached to the newsletter email. An updated version is also available on our school website.

### **Dorchester Cricket Club**

Dorchester Cricket Club will be running their All Stars Cricket for 5-8 year old boys & girls again this year, open to pupils at St Marys School from Reception to Year 3/4. Starting from Saturday May 16th at Dorchester Recreation Ground from 9.30 to 11.30 am, every Saturday thereafter for 8 weeks.

Dorchester are also running the exciting new Dynamos cricket for years 4-6 straight afterwards from 11 to 12.

Registering on line is easy and starts from the 19th February, just visit All Stars / Dynamos website and type in Dorchester CC in tool bar and complete the registration in a couple of minutes. After the 8 week course finishes sessions will continue throughout the summer at a charge of just £1 per child per session!

Please contact Simon Joslin on 01305 262850 if you require any further info.

### **Upcoming Dates**

**Please see our upcoming dates**

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 2 sharing their Gospel Value Prayer with their parents at the end of the school day – Year 2 parents welcome to come along at 3.00 pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 4 DASP Concert at Thomas Hardy School – (evening) <b>parents invited</b> – 6.00 pm doors open, concert starts at 6.30 pm
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	St Mary's World Book Day – children to come to school dressed up
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Bike It Fairtrade Breakfast – arrive from 8.15 am if your child has cycled or come on their scooter
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Sustrans session with Year 3 – learning about bikes and how they work

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 sharing their Gospel Value Prayer with their parents at the end of the school day – Year 3 parents welcome to come along at 3.00 pm
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 class Orienteering at St Osmund's School during the afternoon – information to follow
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Class Vision Screening
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 sharing their Gospel Value Prayer with their parents at the end of the school day – Year 1 parents welcome to come along at 3.00 pm
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 trip to Wagamama (morning)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March – change of date (New date)	St Mary's Easter BINGO – <b>early evening family event</b> - £5.00 includes entry & 10 games of 6 books
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	School Nurse drop-in session at 8.45 am
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 4 sharing their Gospel Value Prayer with their parents at the end of the school day – Year 4 parents welcome to come along at 3.00 pm
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Mass at St Mary's – 9.00 am
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 trip to Shire Hall (morning)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March – change of date (New date)	PTA cake sale at pick up time (Y4 parents kindly donating cakes)
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March – change of date (New date)	Year 4 Sleepover - 6.00 pm
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception sharing their Gospel Value Prayer with their parents at the end of the school day – Reception parents welcome to come along at 3.00 pm

Yours Sincerely

*P. Fearn*

Mrs Paula Fearn  
**Head Teacher**