

St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



1st October 2021



Dear Parents

We have had a good week at St Mary's, Mr Knox, our new PE specialist teacher has settled in very well at St Mary's. His PE sessions this week for KS1 was running multi-sports, which our children really enjoyed. Here are Year 2 taking part in various activities.

Celebrating our St Mary's Citizens



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Here they are enjoying themselves:



Well done to all the children & parents who cycled, scootered & walked to school this week as part of our Bike to School initiative.

Parents Evening

Teachers will be contacting parents shortly via pupil's google classroom accounts to arrange the parent evenings taking place between Monday 11th September & Tuesday 19th October. Please keep an eye on your child's google classroom for an invite for you from your child's teacher and they will be able to offer a google meet or a phone call.



Year 1 class trip to the Salisbury Field

Last Friday Year 1 had a lovely trip to Salisbury Field in Dorchester where they listened to traditional tales, played games & various activities.

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Supporting reading at home & Power Maths

We recently ran parent workshops for supporting reading at home & Power Maths.

The presentation document for reading & the workshop video for Power Maths are now on the school website in the Parent Hub & in the Education sub-category. We hope you find these useful, if you have any questions, please let us know.

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. To make this more challenging the word and picture may not be the same!

A map and worksheet will be sold for £2 each from the 'Room of Joy' at pick up 3pm between Monday 11th October & Friday 15th October.

When you return to school on Monday 1st November 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.

Upcoming Dates	
Wk 11 th -19 th Oct	Parent's Evenings via google meet or phone – invites via google classroom
Thursday 14 th Oct	Mass for pupils at St Mary's
Wk 11 th -15 th Oct	Mental Health Week
Friday 15 th Oct	Laudato Si Harvest Day – activity home clothes & food donation
Tuesday 19 th Oct 10-11am	Open morning at St Mary's for prospective Reception parents

If you have any Data contact information sheets to return to the school office, please could you send them in next week to ensure we have the correct/up to date contact details for your child – many thanks.

A reminder to Year 4 parents to apply for their child's Middle School place for next September.

Apply online with Dorset Admissions at

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-secondary-or-upper-school>

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Weymouth Family Science Festival Sunday 3rd October 11.00am-4pm

Nothe Fort will be hosting a day of family fun science demonstrations, including:

- World Life will be bringing a range of exotic animals to show (limited places - booking essential)
- Wessex Astronomical Society will be introducing you to the stars
- Jurassic Coast Trust will be running a paint your own ammonite activity
- Bournemouth University will be using microscopes to bring you the fascinating and invisible world of microbes
- Portland Museum will be sharing some of their treasures
- Volunteers from the Institute of Physics will be demonstrating simple rockets
- Nothe Fort will be playing 'guess the object' with some of our unusual science related object.

This event is free as part of the entrance ticket to Nothe Fort. Tickets can be bought on the door. Annual passes accepted.

Warning - the Wild Life demonstration has limited spaces and this demonstration will need to be pre-booked.

Visit www.nothefort.org.uk



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

*I really like going to
the library*

Millie

*I liked making a
hedgehog*

Marlie

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I love reading
Scarlett

We really like
learning how to
count
Jayden & Alice-
Rose

Message from DASP Music:

NEW Starter Brass Lessons

Would your child like to start learning the trumpet?

We are delighted to be able to offer an opportunity for children in years 3 & 4 from any DASP first schools, to start to learn the trumpet in a small group. The session would run 5-5.30pm on a Wednesday at the Thomas Hardy School (if we have a lot of interest, we may be able to offer an additional session at 5.30 – 6pm).

The cost for each term (10 sessions) would be £55 and would include the hire of a trumpet for the term (for the first half term, the cost would be halved as only 5 sessions would be available).

If you are interested in your child taking part in this scheme, please contact Hanna Trevorrow at htrevorrow@thomas-hardye.net by Monday 4th October. We hope that the sessions might start after half term.

Have a good weekend

P. Fearn

Paula Fearn
Headteacher

A lot of laughs from Mrs Hunns:

What do you call a deer with no eyes?

No idea!

