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Dear Parents



On behalf of St Mary's and the Swimming Pool Committee we would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who undertook training and supported the school by being Lifeguards during the summer term and the summer holidays. This support is greatly appreciated and we hope you enjoyed doing it as well.

Please note that you will receive today the curriculum webs and information about your child's learning this term. Please talk about the topics and learning at home with your child and see how you can support and encourage them with these topics during the term.



Contact Sheets

You will have received a copy of the contact detail we hold for your child, if you have not already done so, please check the information and return the amended sheets to the office. Please ensure we have a current email address for you as we will be emailing some of the information from St Mary's out to parents this year.



After-School Clubs

Due to a high volume of staff meetings after school this half term teachers will be offering lunch time clubs instead of after school clubs, these clubs will be organised in school.

Our external PE teacher will be running a Fencing club for Year 3 and 4 children this term for 5 weeks starting 19th September. Year 3 & 4 should have already received a flyer about this.

Dates for your Diary

Diary Dates for this term will come out next week.

Reception parents please note that there is a Reception Liturgy at St Mary's on Tuesday 18th September at 9.00 am; Reception parents are welcome to join us. Wednesday 26th September we will have a get together for new Reception parents to have a chat over a cup of tea at 5.00 pm. Parents are welcome to bring their children along.

Labelling

Please can you check that your child's belongings are all labelled as we have been finding jumpers on the playground this week without names in which are then difficult to return to their owners – many thanks.

Financial Support

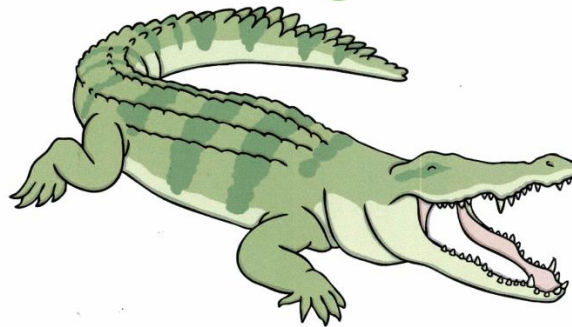
If as a family you receive financial support you may be able to benefit from pupil premium. Please see the link below which outlines the criteria, you would be able to claim this confidentially if you have not already done so. This scheme helps with payments towards uniform, trips and is also good for the school as we would receive additional funding. If you have any questions, please pop into the school office:

<https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Characteristic of learning

This week we have introduced our second character, the 'Concentrating Crocodile' whose approach to learning is 'I join in and concentrate':

Concentrating Crocodile



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Parent's coffee morning

All parents are welcome to come along to our informal drop-in coffee morning on Friday mornings just after drop off time in the mornings. We look forward to seeing you.

Change of name

Just to let you know that our Reception Teacher Miss Libby got married during the summer and she has changed her name to Mrs Coffin.

Yours Sincerely

P. Fearn

Mrs Paula Fearn
Head Teacher