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Dear Parents

We have had a fantastic first half term, we've all have been extremely busy in our classes. We have enjoyed our new approaches to learning as the Go for it Gorilla, Concentrating Crocodile, Persevering Parrot, Proud Peacock and the Creative Chameleon.

Congratulations to Mrs Wood, our HLTA who is starting a new role with the Family Partnership Zone from mid-November. She starts this exciting new chapter after working with children at St Mary's for 17 years. We know you will join us in wishing her well.

Open Mornings at St Mary's

We have an open morning for the parents of girls at St Mary's on Wednesday 31st October 9.00-10.30 am for all years. We then have an open morning for the parents of boys in Reception, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4 on Thursday 1st November. For Year 2 only the parents for boys open morning is on Friday 2nd November as Mrs Bourne is at an external meeting on the Thursday.

These open mornings will run from 9.00 am until 10.30 am. The mornings are an opportunity for parents to hear about their child's learning, give some feedback to the school and to spend time with their child in their classroom and look at their books.

We have split the days into girls and boys purely to have roughly half the parents in at a time as we would not fit everyone in the classrooms at the same time. However, if you are unable to come on your child's allocated day, you are welcome to come on the alternative day for their year. If you have any questions, please speak to the office.

School Disco

There will be a pupil's school disco on Wednesday 7th November between 5.00 and 6.15 pm at St Mary's. If your child would like to come along to the disco, please pop into the school office to pay your £3.00 in advance of the disco.

Our Kidszone building will be open for parents and siblings wishing to stay during the disco.

Hot Lunches

The Autumn menu is now available online at myschoolmeals.co.uk; please book any hot lunches required for after half term. As a tip when ordering hot lunches, please note that for each day, you need to tick the 'order meal' box as well as make your meal selection and then when you have selected all the meals you require for one week, then click on 'confirm'. You can then click on your child's name and click on 'view' instead of 'place' and you will see a list of the meals you have booked.



School Photos & Permissions

The children had their school photos taken this week, please return any orders for the photos to the office by Tuesday 30th October, straight after half term. The two annual permission forms need to be returned by Friday 2nd November and the Flu Vaccination forms by 7th November.

Visit from Dorset County Museum

The children had a visit from the Community Curator from Dorset County Museum in their Assembly today who told them about the refurbishment of the museum which is now closed until Summer 2020. In the meantime, the museum is going 'on tour' and they are starting in Brewery Square during half term. Please go and visit their 'pop-up' museum for information about the new museum, to try some crafts and to view some of their collection. There is a leaflet in book bags.

Children's Theatre

There is a performance for children at the Dorchester Corn Exchange called 'Pixie's Scarf' by the Soap Soup Theatre suitable for ages 3-8. It is on Monday 22nd October at 2.30 pm, doors open at 2.00 pm, £8 for adults and £6 for children.

Year 4 trip to Maths Café

Year 4 had a really good trip this week to the Maths Café run by Manor Park School. They choose items to buy, they then calculated the cost of their items, paid for them and calculated the change they should receive back.

Tag Rugby

Ten of our pupils from Year 3 and 4 took part in a DASP Tag Rugby event on Thursday morning, they have a really enjoyable time and did really well in their games, we were very proud of them.

Author at Dorchester Library

Two of our Year 4 pupils were lucky enough to go to Dorchester Library on Thursday morning to meet Author and Illustrator Lucy Volpin. She talked to the children from various schools about her process of drawing and writing and the children produced their own illustrations.

Half Term

The children finish for half term today, Friday 19th October. St Mary's has a staff training day on Monday 29th October and the children return to school on Tuesday 30th October. I hope you enjoy some quality family time over the half term break.

Yours Sincerely

P. Fearn

Mrs Paula Fearn
Head Teacher