

St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



5th November 2021



**Welcome to our three
new pupils who have
joined St Mary's this
week:**

Wojtek

Elin

Bess

Dear Parents

Welcome back to our Autumn 2 half term.

We have had a fabulous week of learning & lots of knowledge & skills have been gained. Basketball has been a big hit with Key Stage 2. Year 4 ended their India topic with a themed day celebration enjoying sampling Indian food & having beautiful designed henna on their hands.

Christmas around the World



During December we would like to include in our Assemblies some of our parents talking to the children about their Christmas' from different parts of the world, talking about what people wear, traditions, foods eaten, etc.

These talks can be for as short or long as you would like them to be and will help to widen our children's understanding of cultural diversity & how people celebrate the same thing but in different ways.

If you would like to be involved, please contact the school office & we can look at dates for you to come in.

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After school clubs started again this week & will run for another two weeks.

We are also looking at running a languages club which could teach Russian & French. This would be a regular club running on a Tuesday & Wednesday for an hour after school. We would like to see if there would be enough interest from parents wanting their children to take part in this club.

If you are interested, please just let the office know so that we can gauge possible numbers. If there was a preference for one of these languages over the other, please also let us know that as well.

“One Kind Word”

Odd Socks Day is taking place on **Monday 15th November 2021** this year to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week. At St Mary's we will be having our Anti-Bullying week from 15th-19th November, starting with Odd Socks Day.

Children are encouraged to come into school with odd socks on, either on their feet, in their hair, attached to their jumpers, etc. Odd Socks Day is a national initiative to celebrate individuality. Everyone is different and everyone is equal and odd socks is the perfect way to highlight that is a simple fun way for children.

Upcoming Dates at St Mary's	
Thurs 11th Nov	Year 2 attending Remembrance Service in Dorchester Town
Mon 15th Nov	Flu Vaccination Day – children will receive the nasal flu vaccination if parents have given consent online – see email sent 4 th Nov
Mon 15th Nov	Odd Socks Day – children to wear odd socks
Thurs 18th Nov	Individual School photos being taken
Fri 19th Nov	Year 4 visiting Dorchester Library
15th-19th Nov	Anti-Bullying Week
Wed 24th Nov	PTA meeting at school drop off time 8.55/9.00am in our Kidszone building.
Wed 15th Dec	Food Links Christmas Lunch
Wed 15th Dec	Strawberry Jam visiting St Mary's
Fri 17th Dec	Children finish for Christmas Holidays
Tues 4th Jan 2022	Children return from Christmas Holidays

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PTA meeting

Please come along to our PTA meeting at around 8.55/9.00am on Wednesday 24th November in our Kidszone building. We are hoping lots of parents will join us to find out about our upcoming fundraising ideas & how you can help on the PTA. It will last for up to half an hour. Being involved in our events, is not hugely time consuming but it is fun & a great way to meet other parents. So, please come along to learn more.



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

I really enjoyed
finding out about Guy
Fawkes & how he
plotted to kill King
James I

Isla M

Everyone enjoyed
tasting the Indian
foods, including
curries, naans &
particular sweet
favourites were
payasam & the gulab
jamun

Year 4

I really enjoying
playing basketball
this week

Mark

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A lot of laughs from Grace:

Who led the 10,000 piggy's up the hill?

The grand old duke of pork!



Kidszone Corner

Every other week I will be showing you the fun activities that have been happening in Kidszone, our wraparound care.

To celebrate Diwali the children made Rangoli, an art form originating in the Indian subcontinent, in which patterns are created on the floor or a table top using materials, such as, powdered lime stone, red ochre, dry rice flour, coloured sand, quartz powder, flower petals, and coloured rocks.

They also made biscuits & drew round their hands to design henna pictures.



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Have a good weekend

P. Fearn

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