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Dear Parents

Congratulations to the first Year 4 wardens who have been appointed, well done.



Meet the Teacher sessions

We have a Meet the Teacher session on **Monday 8th October** between 2.30 and 6.00 pm at St Mary's. This is an opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher and to inform them of any additional information you would like them to know about your child. You will receive a log-in by text or email to enable you to book a slot online to see your child's class teacher. If you have any queries, please let the school office know.



School Blogs

If you would like to know what the children have been doing in each class, please take a look at our class blogs on our website. They are updated regularly, if you click on 'Blogs' and then the relevant year you will be able to see what the classes have been doing during the week.



Book Fair – please come along to support the school

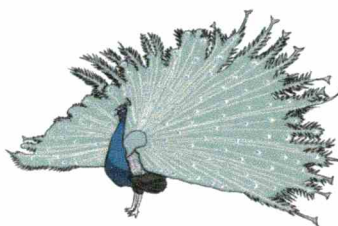
St Mary's will be hosting a book fair starting on Wednesday 3rd October; it is a good opportunity to view current books and to purchase any that you might like. The book fair will be open for pupils and parents to come to at both drop off and pick up times running through until drop off time on Monday 8th October.

Monies raised from this book fair will go back into the school library.

Characteristic of learning

This week we have introduced our fourth character, the 'Proud Peacock', whose approach to learning is 'I am proud of what I do'.

Proud Peacock



I am proud of what I do.

PTA

Thank you to the parents who have said they would be interested in being involved with PTA events, if anyone would like to be involved, please let the school office know. Helping at events is actually quite fun, you get to know other parents and support the school.

For information the PTA events over the last year raised over £1500 for St Mary's. These funds were raised by the PTA running the Children's Discos in the Autumn and Spring terms, the Christmas Present Shop, Ice cream sales during the Summer term, Sports Day Tea and Coffee and the brilliant Summer Fair.

They have helped to fund class events, such as, the Christmas Party, Dippy the Dinosaur Tour and Year 4 Leavers' Books and are giving money to each class towards school trips this year.

Upcoming Events/Diary Dates

With your newsletter is a list of upcoming dates for your diary and for information. It can be found on our website under 'About Us' and then 'Upcoming Events/Diary Dates at St Mary's – Autumn 2018'. The information is also on the website calendar.

Academy Consultation

Plymouth CAST our Academy is asking schools to hold consultations on their 'Vision for Excellence'. Therefore, we would like invite parents to come along to St Mary's next Wednesday 3rd October at 2.00 pm.

It is an opportunity to have your say on the vision, mission, values, principles and behaviours which will bring about a step change in the quality of education in CAST schools, inspired by the Gospel and the teaching of the Catholic Church.

Harvest Celebration Day

On Friday 5th October we will be having a Harvest celebration day in school. Please could children come to school in **home clothes (non-uniform)** as we will be doing various activities and crafts during the day. We invite you to bring in an item of **non-perishable food** to be given to the local food bank.

Yours Sincerely

P. Fearn

Mrs Paula Fearn
Head Teacher