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Dear Parents

### Weekly Newsletter

I hope you all had a good half term break; the children are re-energised and have come back to a good week at St Mary's.

Congratulations to Mrs Legg (one of our 1-1 TAs) who had a baby boy over the half term break called George; Mum and baby are doing well. Congratulations also to all the new siblings to children at St Mary's that were born over the half term break, we look forward to meeting them all.

### Spelling Strategies

Please find with this newsletter an information sheet on the strategies we use for helping children learn their spellings. This is something that you can choose to use at home to help your child(ren) with their spellings. There will be a copy of this document on our school website under Curriculum and Spelling Strategies if you need any further copies.

### Local Authority Consultation

As mentioned previously Dorset Local Authority wish to consult on School Admission Arrangements and Home to School Transport Policies for 2019/2020. This is now open for consultation until Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2017. Details of the consultation will be available to view at <https://www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/school-admissions-policies> and all comments should be sent to [schoolorganisation@dorsetcc.gov.uk](mailto:schoolorganisation@dorsetcc.gov.uk)

### Dates for your diaries:

Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2017	PTA School Disco for pupils – evening
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	PTA Quiz Night - evening

### PTA Quiz Night – advance notice of date

Please note that the PTA will be running a brilliant fundraising Quiz Night on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018, please put the date in the diary and more information will be coming out in the future.

### **PTA School Disco**

The PTA will be running a school disco for pupils on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November. Please see separate flyer and tickets will be available to buy at the school office next week.

### **Poppies**

At St Mary's we now have poppies available to obtain from the school office.

### **Lyme Bay Marine Outreach Assembly**

Yesterday we had a presentation where the children were told all about the fishing reserve in Lyme Bay. They really enjoyed the presentation and learnt about the different types of fishing using lobster pots, lines and nets. They also saw lots of interesting items including a live lobster!

### **Parent's Coffee Mornings**

Don't forget our parent's coffee morning on Friday mornings at drop off time in the Kidszone building. Please do pop in, all are welcome for a cup of tea/coffee and a biscuit and to chat with other parents.

### **Parking and driving near St Mary's**

Another request to ask parents to drive carefully when near the school and to not double park in the road at the front of the school as this makes it extremely unsafe for the children.

Yours Sincerely



Mrs Paula Fearn  
**Head Teacher**