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Dear Parents



The children have had a great week at St Mary's. Our Year 3 class had a really good trip to the New Barn Field Centre learning all about Celts and Romans. The children explored the practicalities of living in the past, participated in a range of different activities including; making flour, making a traditional roman antiseptic cream using plants and mosaics out of tiles.



The whole school had an amazing day today with our Harvest Celebration Day, thank you for all the donations of food for the food banks and apples for our activities. The children took part in art and painting (please see the amazing mural on the side of the school office), singing and music, apple pressing to make apple juice, crumble making and gardening.

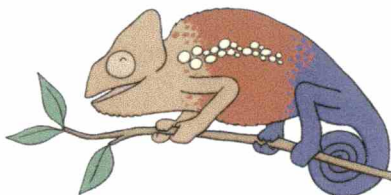
Thank you for supporting our Book Fair this week, it is much appreciated, the last session will be drop off time on Monday morning.



Characteristic of learning

This week we have introduced our fifth and final character, the 'Creative Chameleon', whose approach to learning is 'I have my own ideas'.

Creative Chameleon



I have my own ideas.

Meet the Teacher

Thank you to all the parents who have booked online to come along to our Meet the Teacher sessions, we look forward to speaking with all of you on Monday. If you have not booked a slot to see your child's class teacher and would like to come along, please book online or speak to the school office first thing on Monday morning.

Mass at St Mary's

Father Barry will be holding Mass at St Mary's on Wednesday 10th October at 9.00 am, all families are welcome to join us.

School Photos

We will be having our school photos taken on Monday 15th October during the morning. All pupils will have their photo taken individually and then with any siblings in the school. You will receive home a proof of the photo and you can decide if you would like to order any copies.

The photographer will also be offering to take **family photos** of whole families between 8.30 am and 9.00 am. If you would like to take advantage of this, please pop in to let the school office know next week and be here for 8.30 am on the 15th.


Reminder - Poster Competition – Dorset County Hospital

Dorset County Hospital are encouraging staff and visitors to recycle waste. A number of schools in Dorchester including St Mary's have been asked by the hospital to take part in a poster competition. There are two levels of entry, Level 1 for Years 1 & 2 and Level 2 for Years 3 & 4. If your child would like to enter, please see the following details.

For any entries, please ensure that all pictures are clearly identifiable with the name of the child along with details of their year, school name and level of entry for the competition. If you would like your picture returned after the competition please note this with your entry

The **closing date** for this competition is **Thursday 1st November**, just after the half term holiday; please bring any entries into the school office. The posters will be collected by the judges on Friday 2nd November so the 1st is the latest date for entries.

Yours Sincerely



Mrs Paula Fearn
Head Teacher