

# St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



26<sup>th</sup> November 2021



## Christmas Lunch

Local Food Links' Christmas lunch at St Mary's will be on Wednesday 15th December. If you would like to order, please do so by **midnight** on **Wednesday 8th December**. The children really enjoy this lunch.

Dear Parents

We have had a great week at St Mary's, a group of our Year 4 children took part in a basketball event with other schools at St Osmund's Middle School. You can see how they got on in our 'Kids Corner' this week.

Year 4 had a virtual talk on the function of teeth which was very interesting & part of their Science topic this term, where they are exploring what it means to be human, with a particular focus on teeth, learning about the functions of different teeth & their shape.

Thank you to the parents who attended our PTA get together on Wednesday, we discussed the upcoming events & activities including the PTA's Christmas shop at the end of term. More details will follow.

We have put together a booklet of festive events taking place during December for the children. We will attach a copy to the newsletter email & send a hard copy home with your child so that you know all the lovely things they will be doing over the coming month in the lead up to Christmas.

**Upcoming dates at St Mary's –  
please see the attached events  
leaflet**

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## Keeping warm this winter

As the temperature is getting colder, please can we ask that parents help their children to layer up their clothing for when they are at school.

The school remains ventilated with open windows at the moment so if children can wear various layers under their school jumpers this will help to keep them warm. Layers could be vests, thermals, extra tops under jumpers, woollen tights, etc.

Nice warm coats, hats & gloves for outside play are essential – thank you.



Thank you to all the parents who have registered to easyfundraising, we have increased from 22 supporters to 47 in the last week & have gained £30 for St Mary's from people's online shopping this month.

If more parents can register & click on donation to St Mary's whenever they order online, this will really help with our fundraising for equipment & resources for the children.

Click on this link to register & allow it to pop up whenever you are online shopping. If you order your food online, this can also go towards a donation.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/smarysfirstschool/?q=St%20marys%20Catholic%20first%20&cat=cause-autosuggest>

## Thank you

### Message re. School Admissions Consultation

Wessex Multi-Academy Trust (Wessex MAT) is required to consult on its admissions arrangements for its schools if a) changes have been made to a school's admissions arrangements or b) if a school has not consulted upon its admissions policy in the last 7 years.

As a result, the Trust is consulting upon the admissions arrangements for: Thomas Hardy School under point a, and Damers First School under point b. This is for the allocation of school places for the start of the academic year in 2023 (policies attached to newsletter email).

The consultations are running from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 to Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022. Any responses, including comments or objections, must be submitted either in writing to Mrs V Smyth, Clerk to Wessex MAT, Wessex Multi-Academy Trust, Suite A,

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Paceycombe House, Poundbury, DT1 2ET  
or by email  
to [matclerk@wessex.ac](mailto:matclerk@wessex.ac) by **Monday**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022**



## Message from South West Celebrate

### An hour with Rachel Turner (Author of *It takes a Church to raise a Parent*)

Rachel consults, speaks at conferences and runs training days for parents and church leaders around the UK and Europe.

She is an excellent teacher and communicator who speaks with both humour and practical experience.

**Date:** Tuesday 30th November 2021

**Time:** 20:00 start - 21:00 finish

**Register for the Zoom link at**  
: <https://www.celebratetrust.org/parentingforfaith>

**(by Monday, 29th Nov at 6pm)**

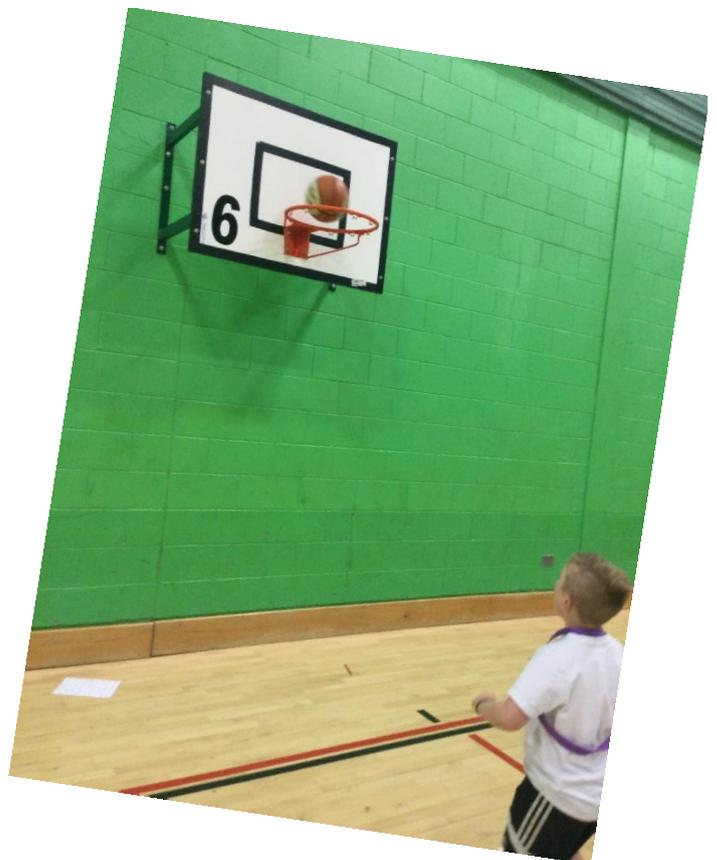
This week's Kids Corner comes from our Year 4 pupils who took part in a basketball event with other First Schools at St Osmund's Middle School. Here are some action shots of the children and this is what they had to say:



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I learnt how to  
shoot a basket

Izzy

It was great fun

Penny

I really liked that  
we got to play  
matches against  
other schools

Noah

I enjoyed working  
as a team

Isla Grace

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We loved the  
experience

All of the  
children

Have a good weekend

*P. Fearn*

Paula Fearn  
**Headteacher**