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Dear Parents

We have had a fantastic Literacy week at St Mary's, starting with our costume day on Monday. The children looked amazing; some really clever ideas for costumes which helped us explore our theme for the week, the Wizard of Oz. The TAs and Teachers decorated their classrooms brilliantly with tornadoes, flying houses, yellow brick roads, the Wizard's gate, etc. The children enjoyed many Literacy activities including writing travel logs, poems, writing a story and then acting it out, reading and learning about the characters in the book the Wizard of Oz.

We were lucky to have a member of staff from Waterstones come along to our Assembly on Monday to talk to the children and went into their classrooms to give out their free World Book Day books.

As part of our Literacy week, our Year 2 class went on a trip to Dorchester Library and the books read to the children developed this term's topic of the Jungle. Year 3 were invited to Waterstones for some activities and a tour of the shop on Thursday which they enjoyed.

Thank you for all your support in helping your children with their costumes and to the parents that helped with walking on our trips this week.

As well as Literacy week, our Forest School activities have been going really well.

It was also lovely to see families here to join us for our Ash Wednesday Liturgy with Father Barry.

I hope the parents who attended the Maths workshop this morning found it informative and useful.

The PTA has been busy this week selling and giving items to charity that were left over from the second-hand sale. In total with the sale they have raised nearly £200 – thank you very much for all the PTAs hard work.

A few of our Year 4 pupils took part in a DASP Gifted PE session on Monday with Year 4 pupils from surrounding schools. Our pupils enjoyed the event and they performed really well.



## After School Clubs

Our after school clubs for this term will start next week, parents who have returned the club booking slips will have received a text to confirm their child's place in the requested club.

If you would like your child to take part in an after school club, please pop into the office as there are still spaces left in the clubs. The clubs on offer are:

Tuesday – Drama

Tuesday – Rocking Choir

Wednesday – Knitting


Thursday – Gardening & school grounds improvement

Thursday – Keep Fit

### Upcoming dates:

Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Orienteering event at St Osmund's – PE kit required, drop off & pick up at St Mary's as usual
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	School Nurse drop-in session - 8.40-9.00 am - Kidszone
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Liturgy for Reception Class – Reception parents welcome 9.00-9.30 am in our Reception class
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent's Awareness session on NSPCC Pants campaign – 9.00-9.30 am in our School Hall - all welcome
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Sleepover
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Family Science Festival – free event at the Corn Exchange in Dorchester 1.00-5.00 pm – suitable for all ages
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 DASP Concert – Thomas Hardy School at 6.00 pm – parents invited

Yours Sincerely



Mrs Paula Fearn  
**Head Teacher**