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Dear Parents

I hope you had a good half term break and enjoyed some quality family time.

Thank you for all the great donations for the PTA's second hand sale and the cake sale yesterday. The PTA worked hard on this event so many thanks for all your support. The cake sale made £31.50 and the second hand sale made £120.00.

For information, St Mary's has a new online uniform provider called Brigade. The link to their website is below:

<http://www.brigade.uk.com/direct/index.php>

Radio 2's 500 Words

Pupils from Year 1 to Year 4 will have brought home a story that they have started writing in class. If they wish to complete this story at home, you may wish to send it into Radio 2's 500 word writing competition. The entry deadline is 7pm on Friday 8th March and all details can be found on www.bbc.co.uk (About 500 words) or through Radio 2 links. We hope your child enjoys their story writing.

SEND e-newsletter

Parents of children and young people with special educational needs and/or a disability (SEND) can sign up for a new SEND e-newsletter. The newsletter, which launched recently, will feature important information and updates about support and services for children and young people with SEND.

The aim is that it will help to:

- signpost parents to useful information, services and support
- inform parents of any changes to services provided by Dorset
- get feedback on how Dorset can improve their support and services

If you would benefit from receiving this, please go to this link to sign up to the e-newsletter dorsetforyou.gov.uk/SENDnews

Host family needed!

We have been asked to publicise the following:

Friendly and welcoming host needed for a female Y12 Italian student for one academic term from September 2019. Host needs to be within walking or easy travel distance of The Thomas Hardy School, Dorchester where the student will be studying.



The host family will receive £138/week - full board. Host would need to have an Enhanced DBS check. Call us on 01962 859700 for more info or email accomm@english-naturally.com Or register your details on our website www.english-naturally.com/host-families

Parent Coffee Morning

All are welcome to come along to our drop-in parent's coffee morning first thing on a Friday morning at drop-off time.

Upcoming dates:

Monday 4 th March	Children dressing up for Literacy Week – Wizard of Oz theme
Monday 4 th - Fri 8 th March	Literacy Week at St Mary's
Tuesday 5 th March	Year 2 visit to Dorchester Library
Thursday 7 th March	Year 3 visit to Waterstones Book Shop
Friday 8 th March	Parent's Workshop – Maths 9.00-10.00 am in our Kidszone building - focus is approach to problem solving, strategies and building resilience in children – all welcome
Wednesday 13 th March	School Nurse drop-in session - 8.40-9.00 am - Kidszone
Wednesday 13 th March	Liturgy for Reception Class – Reception parents welcome 9.00-9.30 am in our Reception class
Thursday 14 th March	Parent's Awareness session on NSPCC Pants campaign – 9.00-9.30 am in our School Hall - all welcome
Sunday 17 th March	Family Science Festival – free event at the Corn Exchange in Dorchester 1.00-5.00 pm – suitable for all ages

Yours Sincerely



Mrs Paula Fearn
Head Teacher