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Dear Parents

We have had a great week at St Mary's; on Tuesday evening our Year 4 children were amazing at the DASP concert held at the Thomas Hardy School. They really enjoyed themselves and made us very proud. Year 4 have been busy lately as last Friday night they had a sleepover at St Mary's and again had a great time.

Some of our Year 4 pupils also took part in a DASP PE event this week and also along with some Year 3 pupils attended a Cross Country event where they all did very well and made St Mary's proud of them.

We are looking forward to our Lenten fundraising events next week. We have a Cake Sale at pick up time next Wednesday and we have our Lenten Breakfast next Thursday between 8.00 and 9.00 am.

All families are welcome to join us at our Lenten Breakfast, we look forward to seeing you there, please just let the office know by Monday if you would like to come along so that we can ensure we have enough food for everyone. We will be fundraising for CAFOD and we will also use some of the funds raised to provide Easter Eggs to the Wessex FM Easter Egg Appeal. Wessex FM given these eggs to various charities in the local area and they are then given to children who don't normally receive Easter Eggs. The cost of our breakfast is £1.50; we look forward to seeing you there.

DASP Music

As you know last week St Mary's was visited by the DASP Instrumental Roadshow. All of the instruments that were shown were instruments which a child could potentially learn whilst they are at school.

Here is a list of instruments which are available to learn along with suggested suitable starting ages.

From year 2 upwards - piano/ukulele/violin/cello/recorder/trumpet

From year 3 upwards – clarinet/flute/oboe/bassoon/trumpet/trombone/French horn/guitar

More information about lessons and how to apply can be found on the DASP Music website: www.daspmusic.co.uk or phone on 01305 259721, or email daspmusic@thomas-hardye.net

If you think that your child is not quite ready for formal instrumental lessons, but you would like them to get a grounding in musicianship, then DASP offer Colourstrings Musicianship sessions for KS1 children, held at Damers School on a Weds 3.45 – 4.30pm for £40 per term.



Please contact us daspmusic@thomas-hardye.net if you would like more information on these sessions.

In addition to these lessons, they also run a number of ensembles which are suitable for first school children to join (for £30 per term):

Skylarks Choir – for years 2-4. Damers school, Thursdays 3.45 – 4.30pm

Training Windband – for beginners to grade 2 wind/brass players. Thomas Hardye School, Wednesdays 4-5pm

Stringalings – for beginners to grade 2 string players. Thomas Hardye School, Wed 4-5pm

Beginner ukulele group – for beginners. Thomas Hardye School, Wednesdays 4.30-5pm

Please contact DASP Music if you are interested in your child trialling any of these groups.

Upcoming dates:

Spring Bingo

The PTA will be holding a Spring Bingo night for families on Friday 26th April 6.30-8.30 pm. Early Bird tickets will be available from Monday, members of the PTA will be selling tickets at various drop off and pick up times over the next two weeks. The cost is £4.00 per person and this includes entry to the event, a bingo book and a ticket for our amazing raffle. The evening will also include a child friendly bingo game.

There will be snacks, tea, coffee and cakes to buy on the evening and if you wish to bring your own drinks you are welcome to.

Wednesday 27 th March	Mass at St Mary's – 9.00 am – all are welcome
Wednesday 27 th March	CAFOD fundraising cake sale – from 3.00 pm at St Mary's
Thursday 28 th March	Lenten Breakfast – families welcome 8.00-9.00 am at St Mary's
Friday 29 th March	PTA meeting about St Mary's Bingo Night – please pop along to Kidszone for a coffee and chat about helping with the Bingo Night – drop off time on Friday – all welcome
Mon 1 st -Thurs 4 th April	Book Fair at St Mary's
Thursday 4 th April	Year 1 trip to Shire Hall – morning event – drop off as usual
Friday 5 th April	Children finish for the Easter Holidays
Monday 22 nd April	Easter Monday – School Closed
Tuesday 23 rd April	Children return from Easter Holidays
Friday 26 th April	PTA Spring Bingo night – 6.30-8.30 pm at St Mary's – family event

Yours Sincerely

P. Fearn

Mrs Paula Fearn
Head Teacher