

St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



2nd February 2024



Maiden Castle Art – they have been creating mixed media pieces involving painting and needlework



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a good week at St Mary's School with lots of gymnastics during PE along with visits to Culliford Residential Care Home.

Thank you to all our parents/carers for coming along to our Parents' evenings this week. We hope you found them useful and informative and enjoyed looking at your children's work.



PTFA Book Quiz Night

The PTFA will be running a quiz night on Friday 8th March, starting at 5.30pm. The PTFA are collecting prizes for the raffle which will take place during the quiz. If anyone has any prizes suitable to donate to this raffle, please could you bring them to the office by 1st March.

Tickets for the quiz night will be sold during the week before by the PTFA.

Thank you so much if you are able to donate any prizes.

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After School clubs (School-led)

The School-led after school clubs – Lego building & Micro:bit will resume next week and will continue from the first week after the half term break until the week 18th March. They won't be running during the final week of term, week of 25th March.

Another school-led club will be on offer after the half term break for five weeks, again finishing on the week 18th March. It will be Spring Arts and Crafts. This club will run on a Wednesday after school until 4.15pm at a cost of £15. If you would like your child to do this club, please see the separate email with a link to the booking form. We can take up to 20 children, it is open to Shire class through to Icenic class.

Upcoming events

PTFA Book Quiz Night – Friday 8th March - 5.30pm-6.30pm(ish) – tickets will be on sale the week before by the PTFA

Event - World Book Day – Thursday 7th March – we would love for children to come to school dressed to represent a 'word' and to also translate this word into a second language.

Over the half term holiday, if you are able, please take a photo of your child reading in their favourite place so that we can make a display of these photos on the 7th March. Just email the photo to the school office – many thanks.

Date	Event
Tues 6 th February	Parent Information Meeting for Icenic parents/carers about Year 4 Multiplication Checks – just after drop off time in the hall at 8.45am
Wed 7 th February	Shire & Anning class showing dance techniques to parents/carers at 9am
Wed 7 th February	Kingston (those children attending this afternoon) & Maurward showing dance techniques to parents/carers at 2.45pm
Thurs 8 th February	Children finish for Half Term (during half term, please take a photo for our World Book Day celebration of your child reading in their favourite place and email to the school office for our display)
Fri 9 th February	Staff Training/Inset Day – School closed
Mon 19 th February	Children return to school after half term holiday

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Tues 20 th February	Mass at St Mary's School with Father Babu at 9am – families welcome to join us
Mon 11 th March	Maiden Castle class attending Commonwealth Day service at County Hall in the morning
Mon 11 th & Tues 12 th March	Life Education sessions from Coram Life for all classes
Tues 5 th March	Anning class visiting Wagamama in Dorchester
Thurs 7 th March	Celebrating World Book Day – children to come dressed to represent a 'word' & translate it into a second language.
Fri 8 th March	PTFA Book Quiz Night 5.30pm-6.30pm(ish) – tickets will be on sale the week before by the PTFA
11 th -22 nd March	Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel to School – more info to follow
Tues 12 th March	Year 4 Wessex Singing Schools Festival performance starts at 6.30pm – Icení parents/carers invited to the Thomas Hardy School – doors open at 6.00pm, children to wear school uniform (rehearsal in the morning at THS)
Thurs 14 th March	Two teams from Maiden Castle & Icení playing Tag Rugby at Dorchester Rugby Club
Monday 25 th March	Kidszone is closed today for mandatory staff Safeguarding Training



Our golden padlock winner for being a great bike it bear this week is Poppy R. Well done Poppy.



This week's kids' Corner comes from our Anning class, telling us what they have enjoyed and learnt this week.

We enjoyed learning different dancing techniques in PE
Amelie & Adriana

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I enjoyed English.
We wrote
instructions for
building a bird
feeder and a list of
materials needed

James L

We have been learning
about multiplication
and fact families. Also,
how numbers can be
reversed from
multiplication and it
becomes division

Alice & Rowan

Have a good weekend.

P. Fearn

Paula Fearn
Headteacher