

#### 10th November 2023



Food donations being collected by the local food bank



Dear Parents/Carers,

We had a fabulous week at St Mary's, starting with our amazing **Laudato Si Day**, it was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children.

They made soup & bread rolls, hedgehog art, listened to a talk from the hedgehog rescue, pressed apples to make fresh delicious apple juice, learnt Harvest songs, made Dorset Apple Cakes & explored an enormous tractor.

Thank you to Hunt Forest for the loan of the tractor, please see attached to the newsletter email a leaflet for one of their upcoming events.

Thank you to all the parents who helped on the day, helping the children to chop vegetables & apples, press the apples, weed our overgrown areas & everything else in between.

Many thanks also to the members of the PTFA who helped on the day & also staffed the food & drinks at the end of the day – many thanks. Donations for food & drinks made during our Laudato Si day raised over £50 towards new playground equipment.

Thank you also for the generous food donations for the Hedgehogs & the local food bank – it was all very appreciated.















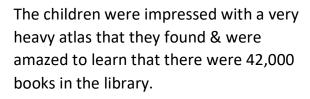






Our Maurward Class braved the weather on their visit to Dorchester Library this week. They had a great trip. Mary, the lady at the library, read a story & the children had to match pictures to those in the book.

The children had a chance to read & choose their own book, which they will keep in school. They had a tour around the library, which included meeting staff, working in the office & also a little look in the staff room!



The children were so well behaved & superb at walking to the library & back. Well done Maurward class & a huge thank you to our parent/carer volunteers.















#### Poppy Appeal

St Mary's Chaplains have be visiting our different classrooms with the RBL items, many thanks for all the donations, these will be passed onto the RBL.

#### **Cricket opportunities**

Dorchester Cricket Club are excited to announce that Winter indoor cricket starts this coming Saturday from 12-1pm at St Osmund's School and all St Mary's boys and girls are very welcome to join in.

Cost is just £3 a session and equipment is provided.

No booking needed as you can just turn up and tea and coffee is available for Mum's and Dad's while our coaches keep them all busy!

For further details please contact Simon Joslin on 07759122764 or simonjoslin@hotmail.com



Our golden padlock winners for being a great bike it bears this week were Oliver, Arlo, Robin & Ellie. Well done to you all.

# Bling your bike 'bike it breakfast' – Friday 17th November

- decorate your bike or scooter with bright or festive items from home, if you arrive at 8.20am with your decorated bike/scooter there will be croissants, fruit, juice or hot chocolate as a treat outside. Please see the poster around school & attached to the newsletter email.

# Support St Mary's PTFA at your next Tesco shop.

If you shop at Tesco in Dorchester, please can we ask that you pop any blue tokens you receive in the St Mary's collection box to help us raise funds for new playground equipment. This is running between October & January next year.



Date	Event
October to	Tesco community
January 2024	project open for
	St Mary's
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> -Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Nursery Rhyme
Nov	Week for
	Kingston &
	Maurward
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Kingston &
	Maurward
	parents/carers
	invited for
	nursery rhymes at
	2.45pm
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Kingston &
	Maurward
	parents/carers
	invited for
	nursery rhymes at
	2.45pm
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Bling your bike
	'bike it breakfast'.
	Arrive at 8.20am
	with your bike or
	scooter decorated
	with bright or
	festive items from
	home where
	croissants & hot
	chocolate will be
	available.

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Individual school photos for pupils in Maurward to Iceni class plus any siblings who are in any of those classes
Friday 1st Dec	PTFA running the
,	Christmas Shop –
	information to
	follow
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Iceni class –
	Journey to the
	Stable event at
	United Church
	(morning)
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> & Wed	Nativity Plays –
13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	information to
	follow
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Carol Service at St
	Mary's – 6.00pm
	<ul> <li>information to</li> </ul>
	follow

### **Kingston**

This week Kingston have had a few sessions of baby yoga with Emily, learning some simple poses including warrior, cobra and downward dog. Mr Treble continued with this during our PE sessions, practicing our balancing skills.

The children were fabulous!











This week's Kids Corner comes from our Maiden Castle class, telling us what they have enjoyed & learnt this week.

I liked making apple juice on Laudato Si Day Annabella

I enjoyed cooking apple muffins on Laudato Si Day

Frankie

I enjoyed basketball on Tuesday Violet

> Column addition and subtraction in Maths and thinking HTO (place value) is fun Anna

Have a good weekend.

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Paula Fearn **Headteacher**