

St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



1st March 2024



Great to see a group of children during their playtime making a brilliant bug hotel. Well done all of you.

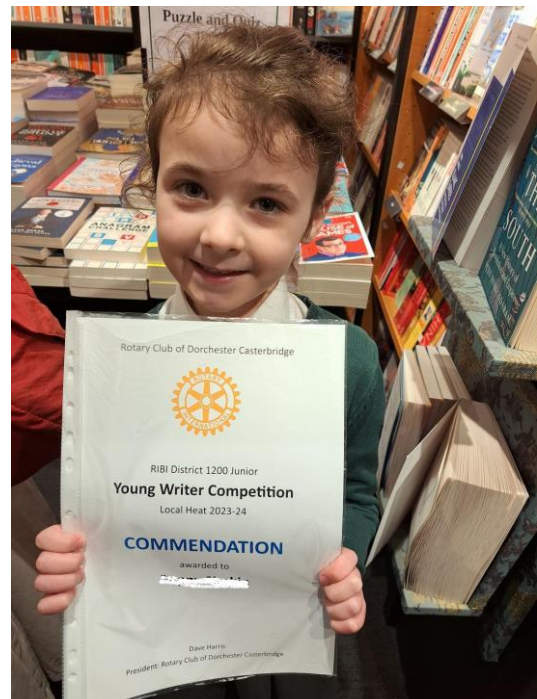


Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another wet but fun week at St Mary's. The children have made the most of their playtimes when it has been dry.

The PTFA are still raising funds for new playground equipment, they are running a Quiz Night next Friday to help with this. If you are able to come along and support this fun event, that would be great. Or buy raffle tickets for some great prizes.

Some of our pupils entered stories into the Rotary Young Writers competition. Three of our children attended the award evening at Waterstones and received well deserved Commendations. Well done, you were all brilliant.



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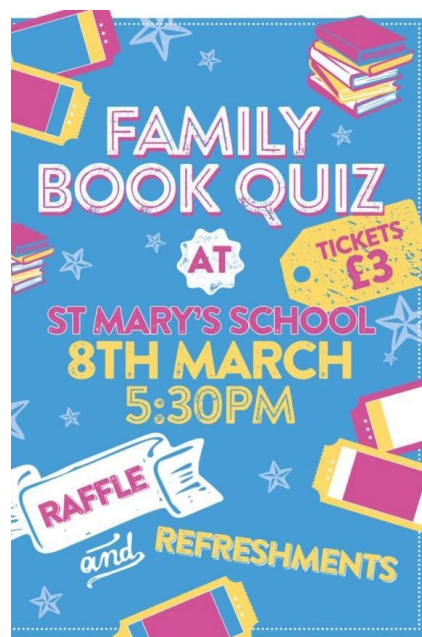


World Book Day is next week - Thursday 7th March

Just a reminder that we will be celebrating WBD on 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.

Favourite Book – children are also invited to bring in their favourite book to read at school during World Book Day.

PTFA Book Quiz Night



Raffle tickets and quiz night tickets have started being sold by the PTFA at St Mary's during afternoon pick-ups. They will be on sale until next Wednesday 6th March. Please bring cash!



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Staff and children have been discussing ideas planning our LENT fundraising events for *SCHOOL IN A BAG*

Please see brief details of each classes' fundraising event in the table below.

Specific details about events will be shared nearer the time.

Year Group	Fundraising Idea/Event	Date of the event
Maurward (Reception)	Cake sale	Thursday 28th March
Shire (Year 1)	Smartie tube change collection	Information out - Monday 4th March Smartie tubes in by Wednesday 27th March
Anning (Year 2)	Sponsored walk (school playground) carrying backpacks	Friday 22nd March.
Maiden Castle (Year 3)	Toy/clothes/book Sale	Wednesday 13th March
Iceni (Year 4)	Sponsored Scavenger Hunt	Event on Tuesday 26th March Sponsorship money collected in by Thursday 28th March
Whole School	Chance to buy a freshly made smoothie	Friday 15th March Children may choose to make a voluntary contribution of 50p to buy a smoothie drink

Sponsorship forms for children in Anning and Iceni will come home in the form of a paper copy on Monday 4th March.

Shire children will also bring a slip home about the Smartie Challenge on Monday 4th March.

Details of the Maiden Castle Toy Sale will be shared through an email to all parents, one day next week.

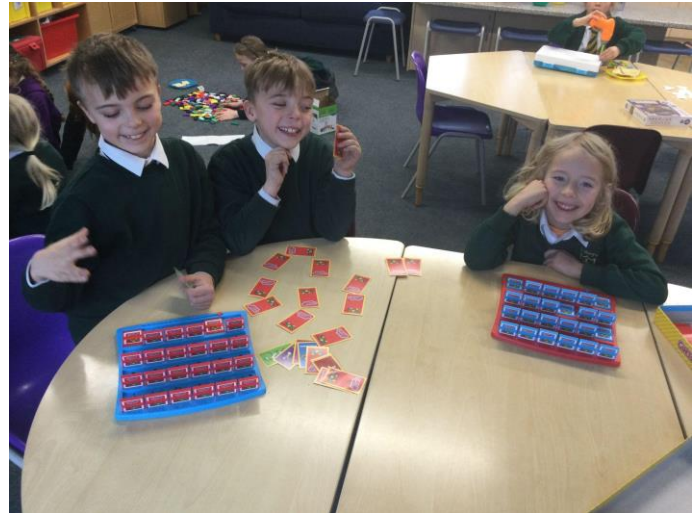
Details of the cake sale for Maurward will be shared on Tapestry.

Thank you so much for your support with this. Staff are also fundraising by providing soup lunches for each other for a donation at lunchtimes.

Kidszone Corner

The children in Kidszone have been enjoying some newly purchased games, the genius square, guess who & dominoes. We are glad they liked them so much.

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Upcoming events

Date	Event
Tues 5 th March	Anning class visiting Wagamama in Dorchester
Thurs 7 th March	Celebrating World Book Day – children come dressed to represent a 'word' & translate it into a second language and bring in a favourite book to read on the day.
Fri 8 th March	PTFA Book Quiz Night 5.30pm-6.30pm(ish) – tickets will be on sale afternoon pick-ups Thursday 29 th February through to Wednesday 6 th March. Please bring cash!
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
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 – Icenis 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 & Icenis playing Tag Rugby at Dorchester Rugby Club
Thurs 21 st March	Maurward class day trip to Falmer Palmers - please pay on parentpay & children need a packed lunch (can be ordered via Local Food Links)
Thurs 21 st March	Shire class day trip to Shire Hall - please pay on parentpay & children need a packed lunch (can be ordered via Local Food Links)
Mon 25 th & Tues 26 th March	Icenis class taking part in Level 1 Bikeability
Mon 25 th March	Icenis parents meeting Claire Hudson from St Osmund's
Monday 25 th March	Kidszone is closed today for mandatory staff Safeguarding Training
Thurs 28 th March	Children finish for Easter Holidays
Fri 29 th March	Easter Holidays
Mon 15 th April	Children return to school

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Kingston

This week the children had their first experience on the climbing apparatus during their PE lesson with Mr Treble. They all absolutely loved it and were great, fearless climbers! The children were also able to use their new Wheelbarrow and Brooms in the garden, collecting sticks and various objects.



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I enjoyed doing the morning challenges.

Amelia

I have been learning numbers up to ten.

Kyle



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

We have been learning the words and actions for the Little Red Hen

Llewyn and Bea

I enjoyed playing with hula hoops and playing choo choo trains at playtime.

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Have a good weekend.

P.Fearn

Paula Fearn
Headteacher