

St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



19th November 2021



Our readers & writers of the week



Dear Parents

We have had a good week at St Mary's.

The nurses' team were at St Mary's on Monday to give children their nasal flu immunisation.

Our trial languages club started and will run for another three weeks. The children are learning French. This club is now full but if it is successful, we will look to run it again next year.

Our School photos were postponed until next term. As soon as we have the confirmed date, we will let you know. This will be for individual photos along with sibling photos of those at St Mary's School.

Our Year 4 class had an enjoyable trip to Dorchester Library this morning adding to their learning for their new topic, Anglo Saxons. They listened to stories, explored the library & looked at books. Year 4 now have a class library card so were able to borrow 20 books to use in school.

Well done for all the odd socks wore on Monday to kick start our anti-bullying week. Each class took part in various activities to highlight & discuss anti-bullying during the week.

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We are pleased to be welcoming Mrs Conway as the permanent Teaching Assistant in Year 1.



Online
Parent
Portal

At St Mary's, we will again be using the programme 'Life to the Full' with all of our children from Reception through to Year 4.

This is a Relationship & Health Education Programme for Catholic Schools.

If you would like to know more details, please use the link below & log in with the details:

<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/parent-portal/>

Username - st-marys-dt1

Password - grace-blue

When you login, click on 'Enter Primary School'. You can then see an overview video & a breakdown of the topics & terminology that each class will be looking at.

If you have any questions, do please let us know.

Upcoming Dates at St Mary's	
Wed 24 th Nov	PTA meeting at school drop off time 8.55/9.00am in our Kidszone building.
Thurs 25 th Nov	Year 4 – virtual talk on the function of teeth
Fri 10 th Dec	Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day – children to wear a Christmas jumper/top/tinsel, anything Christmassy & if possible bring in £1 to donate to Save the Children
Wed 15 th Dec	Food Links Christmas Lunch – book by 8 th December
Wed 15 th Dec	Picklebottom the Elf visiting St Mary's
Fri 17 th Dec	Children finish for Christmas Holidays
Tues 4 th Jan 2022	Children return from Christmas Holidays

PTA meeting - reminder

Just a reminder to come along to our PTA meeting at around 8.55/9.00am on Wednesday 24th November in our Kidszone building. We are hoping lots of parents will join us to find out about our upcoming fundraising ideas & how you can help on the PTA. It will last for up to half an hour. Being involved in our events, is not hugely time consuming but it is fun & a great way to meet other parents. So, please come along to learn more.

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Christmas Lunch

Local Food Links' Christmas lunch at St Mary's will be on Wednesday 15th December. If you would like to order, please do so by **midnight** on **Wednesday 8th December**. The children really enjoy this lunch.



This week's Kids Corner comes from Year 1. This is what the children have really enjoyed doing and learning this week.

I like my teachers
Albie

I like when we try
our writing
because it will
make us better
writers
Anna

I like Power Maths, I
like learning how to do
numbers correctly
Isla S

I really enjoyed
learning & tying
knots in Forest
School
Millie

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I love going to the
school library
Freddie

We have loved having
the dressing up box
out
Minnie & Annabella

A lot of laughs from Isla B:

Why did the Jelly wobble?

I don't know, why did the Jelly wobble

Because it saw the milk shake!!



I have liked making
bracelets for all of my
friends at school
Freya

Kidszone Corner

The past couple of weeks the children have been creating a variety of remembrance Poppy's using different materials - paper plates, painting, pipe cleaners, templates and split pins for example. This week they have been making friendship bracelets - with regards to anti-bullying week, and designing their own odd socks. Also tree bark rubbing on the field.



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Have a good weekend

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