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Dear Parents

Thank you for all the amazing entries for our Eco Bug Competition, the deadline for entries is today and they will be judged next week.

Anti-Bullying week has been a huge success with lots of work and different activities for the children to take part in.

It was great on Monday to see all the clever ways that children came to school with odd socks, again to highlight the start of our anti-bullying week.

A big thank you to Mrs Bradley for her brilliant virtual talk with Year 2 on Tuesday about keeping their mouths healthy. The children asked some great questions and came away with lots of useful knowledge and information.

On Monday we had the school nurse team here for the children's flu vaccination, they were brilliant with the children and really put them at ease.

Christmas at St Mary's

We want to make the build up to Christmas special for the children at St Mary's so I have planned a good number of activities during December for the children. We will be sending home a leaflet detailing all the dates and activities that we are organising for the children and want to thank all of you for previously raising valuable funds, some of which have paid for a special visitor to St Mary's.

The special visitor is Pickle-bottom the Christmas Elf, who will be visiting St Mary's on Wednesday 16th December, she will be doing magic tricks for the children in their class bubbles, either in the playground if the weather is nice or through their classroom window if the weather is inclement and giving the children Christmas treat boxes to bring home.



Monies raised by you have also helped to fund an Advent Angel for each child which will be coming home with children on Tuesday 1st December along with an Advent booklet provided by Father Barry.

So, keep an eye out for our Christmas leaflet next week which will outline all the activities we will be organising for the children during December.

Our PTA have also supported St Mary's recently by funding two new picnic tables for the playground (arriving next week) along with new equipment for our library, including egg shaped chairs, a light tree and a new seating area.

We will be re-establishing the PTA after Christmas and plan to have a zoom meeting where we will invite parents who would be interested in being part of the PTA or have ideas to put forward for future fundraising activities/events.

School Admissions Survey

Dorset are running the annual consultation on the School Admission Arrangements for 2022/2023 with effect from yesterday until **Wednesday 23rd December 2020.**

Details of the consultation will be available to view at <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/policies/school-admissions-policies/school-admissions-policies.aspx>

This link is also on the home page of our school website.

Responses must be submitted either in writing to School Admissions Team, Dorset Council, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ or by email to schoolorganisation@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk by **Wednesday 23rd December 2020.**

Please continue to social distance and keep in mind our risk assessment.

I hope you have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely

P. Fearn

Mrs Paula Fearn
Head Teacher