

# Newsletter



St. Mary's Catholic  
Primary School

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Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's hard to believe that we are nearly half way through the school year! It is fantastic to see the progress the children are making and how much they are enjoying their learning. Our second parents evening of the year is arranged for Monday 9<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Appointments can be made after half term.

Our overall attendance has improved this year which is fantastic news. However, the amount of late arrivals that have been recorded in the register have risen! Please remember that the register is taken at 8:45am and lessons start at 8:50am. Please can I ask that children are at school before the gate shuts at 8:45am at the latest as learning is disturbed when children are still arriving in class at 8:55am.

Best wishes,

Charlotte Targett

Headteacher

## School Library

You may have noticed a change in our ICT suite over the last few weeks. The new library is now painted and in use! A huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Muntwyler who spent their weekend painting with Mrs Yarwood and more time last week to finish it off. Also, thank you to Mr and Mrs Riches who kindly donated some fabulous colourful beanbags and Mrs Berry who re-covered a large cushion for the children to lounge on with a book! It looks fantastic and we are now excited about getting it fully stocked up. The library will be open before and after school and also during lunchtimes giving children and parents plenty of time to access it. We will be running some fundraising over the next half term to help with this. Watch this space!

## Exciting local event!

"Are you awake?!"

Stay Awake is taking place for the second year on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at The Thomas Hardy School, Dorchester. It will be a day of inspiring and encouraging talks, Mass celebrated by Bishop Mark, praise and worship and fellowship to allow ourselves to go deeper with Jesus and build Christian discipleship! There will be free Papa John's Pizza in the evening for dinner! Tickets are only £10 for those aged 15+ and **free for those aged 14 and below!** This is an event for everyone and anyone! To find out more and to book tickets, please see [www.stayawakejc.com](http://www.stayawakejc.com)"

## Catholic Life of the School

Father Martin will be joining us Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 2:00pm to lead our Ash Wednesday service. Parents are welcome to join us. During Lent we will be raising money for Cafod encouraging the children to consider those less fortunate than themselves.

Please see attached information and a booking form for the Plymouth Diocese 2020 Catechetical Summer Camps.

### **St Francis Tutankhamun Trip**

St Francis Class really enjoyed their trip to the Tutankhamun Museum in Dorchester on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January. Many thanks to our parent helpers who came for the day and to the PTFA who contributed towards the cost of the coach. Enjoy reading one of our pupil's opinion of the trip.

**I would recommend you should go to the Tutankhamun Museum because it's so fascinating and cool. My favourite part of the museum was definitely the hole in the wall, and Howard Carter looked in it and said to Lord Carnarvon and Lady Evelyn Herbert "I can see wonderful things" It felt like I was there. The massive mummies were like they were going to pounce up at me! The video clip was fascinating just seeing them investigate how they thought Tutankhamun had died. I really enjoyed our trip.**

### **Dates for Spring Term**

Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Feb - Safer Internet Day  
Tues 11<sup>th</sup> Feb - Reception Height, Weight & Hearing Test  
Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb - Break up for Half Term  
Sat 15<sup>th</sup> February - "Are you awake?" event in Dorchester  
Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb - INSET day  
Tues 25<sup>th</sup> Feb - Back to school  
Weds 26<sup>th</sup> Feb - Ash Wednesday  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March - Class Photos  
Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March - Key Stage One Mass  
Mon 9<sup>th</sup> March - Parents Evening 3:30 to 5:00pm  
Tues 10<sup>th</sup> March - Parents Evening 5:00 to 7:00pm  
Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Whole School Mass  
Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Break up for Easter  
Mon 20<sup>th</sup> April - Back to school