

Newsletter



St. Mary's Catholic
Primary School

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Thursday 5th September

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! It was lovely to be welcomed at the gate by so many cheerful faces yesterday morning! Everyone has settled into their new classes and routines without a hitch and there is a real buzz around the school.

We have had an exciting summer making alterations to our site. Many of you may have noticed the changes with new fencing in preschool and the removal of the old mobile building outside Key Stage One. This area will now be developed thank to the £10,000 bid we have won from The National Lottery! We will keep you posted!

I have included a list of dates below. These will be added to every time a newsletter comes out as many dates have not yet been finalised.

Best wishes,
Charlotte Targett
Headteacher

Liturgy and Celebration assembly

Please feel free to join us for our weekly Liturgy and Celebration assemblies. Liturgy takes place on Monday morning at 8:45am and Celebration assembly on Friday afternoon at 2:45pm. We hope you will be able to join us in celebrating your child's achievements. Our first celebration assembly will be on Friday 13th September.



Clubs and Activities

A list of all clubs running this term will be coming out next week. Clubs will start on the week beginning 16th September. Please send forms back to school to ensure a place for your child. If you would like to book your child into any of the activities, please fill out the form provided.

Reading within school

Our first information evening of the year will focus on reading and will take place on Tues 24th September at 3:30pm. Please come along to see how we are teaching reading and how you can support your child. We are also looking for volunteers to hear readers within school. If you would like to be part of this please see a member of staff.

Topic Launch

We will be launching our first topic with a special event on Monday 16th September. Although this will be in school, we are asking for a £3 donation per child to help towards costs. Please send donations to the school office in a named envelope or pay on School Money by Friday 13th September.

Car Parking

Thank you for your patience during drop off and pick up times. The first few days are always a little difficult, however soon settle down. Please remember that drop off is between 8:30 - 8:45am and pick up times are 3:10pm for those picking up one child and 3:20pm for all others. Please make sure that you are parked in such a way that you don't block the entry/exit to the car park/playground. If there is no space, please wait in the car until a space becomes available to

ensure that cars can still flow - we will keep the children in the class until you arrive! If you have any difficulty, please pop in and see Mrs Targett.

Absences

Please could you let us know by phone or email of any absence before 10am on the first morning of absence. It is also important that you send a letter/email explaining why they have been off when they return so this can be kept on record. We totally understand that children become unwell and cannot attend school however, we have a legal obligation to record all absences. This year, in line with all other Dorset schools, we will be introducing fines for unauthorised absence. These fines are issued by the Local Authority if the child is absent for 10 or more half days in a twelve week period. If you would like further information, or have any queries regarding this, please come in and see Mrs Targett.

Everybody Matters and is Loved by God



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Dates for Autumn Term 2019

Thursday 12th Sept - Reception class Reading information 3:30pm

Monday 16th Sept - Topic Launch Day

Monday 16th Sept - Clubs start

Friday 20th Sept - Head of Gillingham School, to meet Year 6 parents 8:45am

Tuesday 24th Sept - Key Stage 2 Music Programme to begin

Tuesday 24th Sept - Reading Information Evening

Friday 25th Oct - Break up for Half Term

Monday 28th Oct to Friday 1st Nov - HALF TERM

Monday 4th Nov - INSET day

Tuesday 12th Nov - Parent Consultation Meetings

Wednesday 13th Nov - Parent Consultation Meetings

Wednesday 18th Dec - Christmas Performance 2pm

Thursday 19th Dec - Christmas Performance 6pm

Friday 20th Dec - Break up for Christmas

