



Monday 22nd April 2024

# ST MARY'S NEWS

The latest news from St Mary's CE VC First School

## KEY DATES

**Tuesday 23rd April**

Willow visiting Wessex Wild

**Wednesday 24th April**

NHS Dental Survey - R & Y1

**Wednesday 24th April**

No Stay & Play Club

**Thursday 25th April** Ⓟ

Oak Class Assembly

**Friday 26th April**

Donate a Bottle - Odd Socks!

**Friday 26th April**

Miles for Mosaic Sponsored Event

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**Monday 6th May**

Bank Holiday - school closed

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**W/C Monday 13th May** Ⓟ

Parent Consultation Week

**W/C Monday 13th May**

Walk to School Week

**Wednesday 15th May** Ⓟ

Willow Class Assembly

**Thursday 16th May**

THS Instrumental Roadshow

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**Thursday 23rd May** Ⓟ

Curriculum Open Morning

**Thursday 23rd May - 5:30pm** Ⓟ

New Reception Info Evening

**Friday 24th May**

Last Day of Term

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**Mon 27th to 31st May**

Half Term Break - school closed

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**Monday 3rd June**

First day of Term

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**Tuesday 11th June**

Y4 Orienteering at Ossie's

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**W/C Monday 17th June**

St Mary's Sports Week

**Friday 21st June** Ⓟ

Potted Sports / Sports Day

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Ⓟ = Parents invited

## Note from Mr Homer

Welcome back! I hope that everybody had an enjoyable break. Despite the fact that this is Summer Term, we did in fact experience all four seasons last week - let's hope the weather brightens up over throughout this term!



Last week we were thrilled to welcome Mrs Crabb as our new Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Crabb has a wealth of experience as a senior leader and she will have a dedicated leadership day every Monday, when she will fulfil her role as Teaching and Learning Leader for our school.

Mrs Crabb will also be teaching three days per week in Willow class, with Mrs Beale teaching the other two days. I know you will all join me in welcoming Mrs Crabb into our St Mary's family - a family which she has been a part of previously as she attended St Mary's as a child!

Throughout the break we had a stud-wall erected in our sensory room, splitting the room in two. This has created both a designated ELSA/intervention room and a separate sensory room. This is still work in progress, but we are thrilled with the spaces already and we know they will be a fantastic asset of our school's offer moving forward.

Before the Easter break, our wonderful School Association hosted their first 'Bunny Bingo' event. This was a huge success, raising a staggering £1245 profit! A huge thank you to everybody who helped organise this event and to all of you who attended - you are all amazing!

Have a lovely week,

Mr Homer



Be the best that you can be. Shine God's love for all to see.

• Friendship • Joy • Service • Hope • Compassion • Courage •

**Miles for Mosaic – Sponsored Fun Run - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024**  
**In aid of Mosaic Family Support charity**

You will be aware, from my letter last week, that this Friday all children will be taking part in Friday a sponsored Fun Run during the school day. We have teamed up with around twenty other local schools to take part in this year's Miles for Mosaic event, raising much-needed funds for Mosaic Family Support charity.

Founded in 2007, Mosaic Family Support charity was created to fill the gap in bereavement provision across the county. Prior to this, support for bereaved children and young people was limited as the only support available was from hospices offering support after the death of someone suffering from a long-term illness. Mosaic support children and young people who have been bereaved of someone special, such as a parent, sibling, friend or a member of their extended family. This includes all causes of death such as long-term illness, sudden death, suicide, murder or road traffic accident. All of this incredible work, of which St Mary's families have relied upon in the past, comes at a great cost to the charity and, as such, your support is hugely appreciated.

The run will take place just before lunchtime on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April and children will be encouraged to run or walk laps of the entire school grounds, whilst being cheered on by the staff and their peers. Children will run for no more than fifteen minutes and we will have a counting system which records how many laps we complete in total so that we can celebrate how far they run altogether. Rest-assured that no child will be forced to run and we will do our utmost to make this a fun and memorable experience!

**All children must wear PE kit on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April, please.**

If you, your family members or friends wish to sponsor your child, then please follow the link below which will take you to our school's JustGiving page.

**[>>> JustGiving LINK for sponsoring your child <<<](#)**

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.





This is the same day as children are asked to wear their PE kits for Miles for Mosaic sponsored fun run, so please remember to wear PE kits AND odd socks!

*We will all look rather dashing,  
I'm sure you'll agree!*



# ODD SOCKS DAY!!

## FRIDAY 26TH APRIL

DONATE A BOTTLE IN AID OF OUR  
FAMILY FUN DAY

PLEASE POP THEM IN THE BOXES LEFT OUTSIDE EACH CLASSROOM

# Recently at St Mary's

## Recently in Willow...

...we have started Summer Term with huge smiles and lots of excitement! We've been embracing all things animals. We have been wowed by their knowledge and enthusiasm for the topic. We even learnt the terms reptile, mammal and habitat! The class thoroughly enjoyed their session with Coach Lee, showing off their brilliant sitting and listening as well as their football skills. We're all looking forward to the trip next week and hoping that the sun decides to stay!



## Recently in Oak...

...we have been busy in our outdoor learning area where we have been planting various plants and vegetables and enjoying watching them grow!



We would like to thank Stratton Summer Fayre and Stratton Council for their generous donations. With their money we have been able to buy useful gardening equipment, which the children will be able to enjoy now and in future years. We would also like to thank Jude Philpott's Grandad who very kindly made us some planters. I'm sure you'll agree they look fabulous!

## Recently in Beech...

...we have launched our new topic- 'Magnificent Monarchs'. We were super excited to start diving into the history of the monarchy and getting to know some significant Kings and Queens. In Art, we began looking at Royal Portraits, and had a go at finishing off a portrait by ourselves!



## Recently in Maple...

...we have been very excited about our new topic: Magnificent Monarchs. We have already learned a song naming all the kings and queens. In Writing, we have read the story called the 'Queen's Hat', that describes how the Queen went to visit someone special and the wind blew her hat away! It ends up flying to various different London landmarks so we have found out about these places such as Buckingham Palace and Big Ben. We used a map of London and Google Earth to see where these places were. We have retold the story in our Writing lessons and we are preparing for further activities next week. In math's, we have started working on fractions, learning about parts, wholes and one half of shapes and objects. What a busy week it has been!

## Recently in Linden...

...In our RE lessons, Year Three children have been learning about Hinduism. We are learning about Brahman and the importance of Om and being thoughtful.



## Recently in Ash...





**FREE  
ENTRY**

**DONATIONS WELCOME**

In aid of:  
**Charminster Pre-School &  
St Mary's First School Charminster**

# *Charminster Family Fun Day*

@ St Mary's First School Charminster

**SUNDAY 14TH JULY  
12 – 5pm**

(Stalls close at 4pm – Music & Food til 5pm)



**Live Music & Performances • Fun & Games • Prize Draw  
Trade Stalls • Inflatable Fun • Creepy Crawlies  
Goats • Tombola • Forest School • Cake Sale  
Hot Food • Licensed Bar • and much much more.....**







**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May**  
**10am – 2pm**  
**@ Thomas Hardy School**

A day celebrating youth music and drama for all the family

Performances, Workshops (for adults and children),  
Come and Try instrument sessions, Barn Dance, Big Sing,  
Massed Orchestra, Big Drum Groove, BBQ, refreshments  
and much more!

For full information (including how to sign up to take part in  
workshops)

**[music.wessex.ac](http://music.wessex.ac)**

**FREE ENTRY**

(with donations gratefully received to support Wessex Schools  
Music)





# Are you concerned about a pupil?

If you are worried about a child,  
you must share your concern without delay.



**Mick Homer**

Headteacher

**Designated  
Safeguarding Lead**



**Lisa Thornicroft**

Teacher & SENDCo

**Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead**



**Karen Bennett**

Family Support Advisor

**Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead**

**Our Safeguarding Governor is Reverend Pene Kennedy**

If you are concerned about a child's welfare or worried they are being abused,  
you can make a referral directly to:

**Dorset's Children's Advice and Duty Service on 01305 228866**

**In an emergency, or if you believe a child is at immediate risk of harm,  
call the police on 999.**

Click or scan this QR code  
to go straight to Dorset  
Council's website:

