

Newsletter

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St. Mary's Catholic
Primary School

Thursday 9th November 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a great start to this half term with our Multi Faith Day, when the children learnt more about Islam, and the launch of our new topic 'Take One Picture'. The children used mindfulness techniques and pretended to wake up in a picture which is now inspiring their learning.

Forest School is continuing this half term with each class getting a chance to take their learning outside with Mrs Webb. The children will be going out whatever the weather so please ensure they bring in suitable clothing. We'd also like to say a massive thank you to 'Leo's logs', from Child Okeford, for donating lots of logs for our forest school.

We have been trialling a new system at lunchtime. The children are eating in two shifts but still have the opportunity to play together on the playground. In order for this to work, Key Stage Two children are eating slightly later than before. Please send in a healthy snack, that your child can eat at playtime, so that they are not too hungry through the rest of the morning.

A list of dates was sent out by email this week listing all important dates between now and Christmas. In case you didn't receive it, we have attached it again to this letter. If you would like a paper copy, please pop in to the school office and ask Mrs Beaumont.

Best wishes,

Charlotte Targett

Headteacher

Parent consultations

The first parent consultation evenings of the year will be on Monday 13th (4:30 to 7:00pm) and Tuesday 14th (3:30 to 5:00pm) of November. Lists to book an appointment are available in the main foyer. If you don't manage to get into school to book an appointment, please call the school office to select a time. The children always enjoy sharing the work they have done and there is definitely lots to celebrate this term! If you would like an appointment with Mrs Targett or Mrs Northcott (SENCO) these can also be booked at the school office.

Sports Matches

Davison Cup 1st round Match v Mere Thursday 2nd November.

Excellent match by all the team who fought hard for a 1-1 draw at fulltime. Mere scored in the last minute of extra time to the disappointment of parents and players.

St Mary's Shaftesbury Swimming Gala Friday 3rd November.

Amazing swimming team with lots of wins and a second place overall.

High-Fives Gillingham Tournament Wednesday 8th November.

Wonderful team who came runner-up in their section and were in the semi-finals, where they took to the eventual winners. Overall place 4th out of nine teams. A massive achievement by all. Six children experienced coaching where they learned new skills.

Children in Need

Children in Need day will be on Friday 17th Nov. This year we will be supporting the charity by inviting the children to come to school in something spotty and asking the children to make a donation. We are looking forward to seeing all the inventive ways you may choose to dress!

Friends of St Mary's

There will be another Friends meeting on Friday 10th November at 3:15pm. Please feel free to join us. We are hoping to plan lots of exciting events for the children and would really value your support. If you can't make it but would like to help, please contact Gemma Osborne or speak to your class teacher.