

# Newsletter

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St. Mary's Catholic  
Primary School

28<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable half term holiday. The children came back fully refreshed and have been working very hard!

With the forecast looking particularly tricky for the next few days, we will be assessing how safe it is to open school should the bad weather hit. This decision will be made on the basis of how safe the site is, how treacherous the local roads may be and how many staff can get into school. You will be informed of any closure by 8:00am via text and information will also be added to our website, Dorset for You and Breeze radio. I will also ensure that the office email is checked so if you need to contact us, please do so. If school is open but you can't get to us, please let the school office know in the usual way. Hopefully we will not need to use these measures and will have an enjoyable World Book Day!

Best wishes,

Charlotte Targett

Headteacher

### Catholic Life of the School

We are looking forward to our next Day of Faith on 22<sup>nd</sup> March when we will be preparing for Easter. Our Lenten challenge is going well! We have already received many full Smartie tubes. Our final day for collecting these will be Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

### Car Parking

A huge thank you to everyone for their patience and support at drop off and pick up times. Please can I remind you to leave the left hand side of the car park free for staff and that the main gate should not be used for pedestrian access at the end of the day. If you have any issues with your time slot, or any concerns with regards to this, please let me know.

### Friends of St Mary's

#### Dates for this term

**23<sup>rd</sup> March 5pm** - Easter Bingo in the school hall.

**16<sup>th</sup> March** - Mad March Hair Day! Come to school in your own clothes and show us your craziest hairstyles for donations of chocolates and wine for the Easter bingo. KS1 and reception please bring chocolate treats KS2 wine for the grown ups!! If you can help with this event we would love to hear from you.

**6<sup>th</sup> July** - Provisional date for the summer fair is, if you have anything you could donate for raffle prizes, or have any connections to local businesses who would like to donate a prize please let us know!!

### World Book Day

We are looking forward to World Book Day tomorrow! Children are welcome to come as a character from any other book if they would prefer. Book tokens will be sent home next Thursday can be swapped for one of ten exclusive and completely free £1 World Book Day books. We are looking forward to a day full of exciting activities!

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## Mathematics Information Session for Parents

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 2.45 - 3.45pm

We are holding another maths information session for parents and carers. Our aim is to give you as much information as possible so that you have a better understanding of the way that your child learns maths in our school. Hopefully you will then feel more confident about supporting your child with their learning in maths. As we have many new parents and many new approaches to teaching maths, we thought we would revisit Addition Alley, Subtraction Street, Multiplication Motorway and Division Drive. Mrs. Westcott, our Maths Leader, will update you on the new ways being used to teach maths at 3.00pm.

There will then be opportunities to: -

- Watch the children demonstrate how they learn to add, subtract, multiply and divide, at first using equipment and informal methods, building up to using standard formal methods.
- Discover the mathematical vocabulary that your child uses.
- See examples of questions which extend children's reasoning and problem solving skills.
- Have a go at some Fluent in Five questions. Can you beat the clock?!

We would also value your comments, so will be asking you to complete a questionnaire about the evening and about your child's learning in maths.