

# Newsletter



St. Mary's Catholic  
Primary School

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Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! It was lovely to be welcomed at the gate by so many cheerful faces on Tuesday morning! Everyone has settled into their new classes and routines without a hitch and there is a real buzz around the school. A huge welcome to our new members of staff. Mrs Yarwood and Miss Fletcher have been well looked after by their class and have some exciting new ideas! We also welcome Ms Chapman and Mrs Horton to our school team. Mrs Chapman will be working in St Mark's as a teaching assistant and Mrs Horton will be looking after the children during lunchtimes. We have lots of exciting events planned for this term for our 'Let's get creative!' topic, starting with our artist launch day next week. More details to follow when curriculum newsletters are sent home.

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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> September. Please send forms back to school to ensure a place for your child. We have also taken over the after school club and will be running various activities throughout the week. If you would like to book your child into any of the activities, please fill out the form provided.

## 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.

## 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. If you have any difficulty, please pop in and see Mrs Targett.

Everybody Matters and is Loved by God



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### **Dates for Autumn Term 2018**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept - Topic Launch Day**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept - Clubs start**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept - Head of Gillingham School, to meet Year 6 parents 9am**

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct - St Albans Class Assembly**

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct - Tag Rugby Festival**

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct - St Francis Class Assembly**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct - Break up for Half Term**

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct - HALF TERM**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct - INSET day**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov - Parent Consultation Meetings**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov - Netball Festival**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov - Parent Consultation Meetings**

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov - School photos**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov - St Mark's Class Assembly**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Nov - Nasal Flu Vaccination - YR - 5**

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Nov - St Anthony's Class Assembly**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Performance 2pm**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec - Christmas Performance 6pm**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec - Break up for Christmas**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019 - Return to School**