

Friday 24th November 2023

ST MARY'S NEWS

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

KEY DATES

Tuesday 28th November

Year R & 4 - T@SM Church visit

Friday 1st December - 3-5pm

St Mary's Christmas Market

Wed 6th December - 9:15am

Christmas Performance

Thurs 7th December - 9:15am

Christmas Performance

Thurs 7th December - 5:30pm

Christmas Performance

Friday 8th December

Christmas Jumper Day

AND

Termly Progress Reports

Tues 12th December - 2pm

Christmas Service

Wednesday 13th December

Local Food Links Festive Lunch

Friday 15th December

Last Day, Party Day!

Mon 18th to Fri 29th Dec

Christmas Holidays

Monday 1st January

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 2nd January

First Day of Term

Tuesday 9th January

Year 1 - T@SM Church visit

Thursday 11th Jan - 5:30pm

Y4 Hook Court Info Evening

w/c Monday 25th January

Parent Consultation Week

Tuesday 23rd January

Pantomime - Cinderella

= Parents invited

Note from Mr Homer

The time has come to present to you the work which has been going on with our school vision and values! For the past few months, children, staff and governors have been working together on a collective vision for our children, staff and wider school community. We have identified six values which we feel we must live by in order to achieve our vision and we have worked closely with Reverend Leila and the Salisbury Diocese to ensure that our vision and values are rooted in Christianity.

Our proposed vision and values are not yet finalised, so this is an opportunity for our entire school community to provide us with feedback and comment. If you wish to make a contribution to this process, please email your thoughts, suggestions and comments to: visionandvalues@charminster.dorset.sch.uk

The summary/strapline of our proposed vision is as follows:

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

To enable this vision to be lived out by our community, we propose that our new school values are as follows:



Our proposed vision and values are rooted in Matthew 5:14-16:

¹⁴ "You are the light that gives light to the world. A city that is built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ People do not hide a light under a bowl. They put the light on a lampstand and the light shines for all the people in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, you should be a light for other people. Live so that they will see the good things you do. Live so that they will praise your Father in heaven.

This is further supported by St Catherine of Sienna:

"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."

Once adopted, our vision and values will underpin everything we do here at St Mary's so it is vital that this meets the need of our school community. Please let us know your thoughts - [LINK](#).

Have a wonderful weekend! Mr Homer

Curriculum Round-Up

Recently in Willow...

... we enjoyed a visit from the Life Education team and met Harold the giraffe who told them all about keeping healthy: brushing their teeth twice a day, eating healthy food and getting a good night's sleep. We have also been finding out about the celebration of Diwali and enjoyed making clay diva lamps. We have been learning to tell the story of the Gingerbread Man with actions and baked our own gingerbread men. In Science we sorted items into shiny and not shiny, using torches to help us decide.



Recently in Oak...

...we have had lots of fun playing with a toy shop, that has been kindly donated to us for our new role play area. The children have been practising their customer service skills along with coin recognition and keeping the shop tidy and well stocked. In Art we have been exploring portraits and turning our own faces into funny faces. We are becoming more confident with our number bonds to 10!



Recently in Beech...

...we have been getting innovative and creating our own Traction Man superhero stories. The class have really loved putting their creative brains into gear and have created some truly amazing stories.

This creativity has spilled over into most parts of the day, so look out for the evil Dr. Apple appearing in a piece of fruit near you!



Recently in Maple...

...we took part in Spirituality day alongside the rest of our school.

We explored all of the new values which we are considering as a school and developed our understanding of what each of them means to me and to our wider community.

We had lots of fun dancing, completing an obstacle course, making friendship plaits, singing and writing letters and promises.

We now know lots about all of the values and are excited to continue exploring them!

Recently in Linden...

...we joined with the rest of our school to recognize Remembrance Day. Here are some pictures of our wreaths and our Remembrance Service.



Recently in Ash...

...in English we have been dreaming up ways to explain how some household items work. Is there a fire breathing dragon inside a toaster cooking the bread? A hamster nibbling the end of pencils to sharpen them inside an electric pencil sharpener or maybe cats inside a dishwasher licking the plates clean? In Science we have been designing and carrying out some experiments. Do people with the longest femur jump the furthest? Do people with the longest humerus throw the furthest?





MULLED WINE

ITEMS TO BUY



ST MARY'S SCHOOL CHARMINSTER

1ST



DEC

CHRISTMAS MARKET 3-5PM

SANTA



**STALL
HOLDERS**



GAME'S



BRATWURST'S



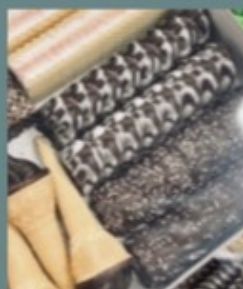
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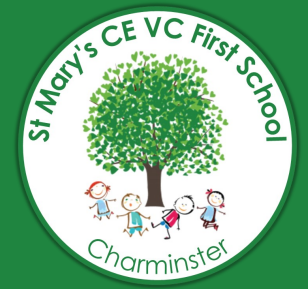


CRAFTS

CHILDRENS CAROLS

**HOT
CHOCOLATE**





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:

