

Friday 5th May 2023

ST MARY'S NEWS

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



KEY DATES

Monday 8th May
Bank Holiday

Thursday 11th May
Class Photographs

Tuesday 16th May
Y4 Trip to Poole Lighthouse

Thursday 18th May - 9am
Willow Class Assembly

Thursday 25th May - 9am
Linden Class Assembly

Friday 26th May
Final day of term

Mon 29th May to Fri 2nd June
Half Term Holidays

Monday 5th June
First day of term

Wed 14th June - 7:30pm
New Parents' Evening

Thursday 15th June - 9am
Beech Class Assembly

Monday 19th June - 9am
Potted Sports Morning

Thursday 22nd June - 9am
Oak Class Assembly

Mon 26th to Wed 28th June
3:30pm - 4:30pm
New Reception Inductions

Friday 30th June
Reports home to parents

Tues 4th & Wed 5th July
Parent-Teacher Consultations

Thursday 6th July
DASP Transfer Day

Sunday 9th July
Charminster Family Fun Day

Monday 10th July - 1:15pm
Sports Afternoon

Thursday 13th July - 1:30pm
DASP Citizen Awards

Thursday 20th July - 9:15am
Leavers' Service

Note from Mr Homer

Wow! What a fantastic turnout that was for our Coronation Celebration! Thank you all for supporting this event - this truly is a wonderful community to be a part of.

This week, the children have enjoyed learning about King Charles and have been challenged to look out for a number of items throughout the coronation tomorrow.

Can you spot these items?



On another note, extra-curricular clubs for the summer term are now live and ready to book on School Gateway.

We have a number of events coming up, in the run up to our Charminster Fun Day on Sunday 9th July. The first of these is Funky Friday on 26th May when children are invited to wear funky/odd socks for donations of unwanted gifts.

Following the bank holiday weekend, we have another fun-packed week in store. Please remember that class photographs are being taken on Thursday 11th. Any classes who normally have PE that day will need to come in uniform and bring their PE kit in a bag. I will be ensuring my hair is beautifully combed for the occasion!

Have a great weekend and enjoy the coronation!

Mr Homer



Introducing our
Parent Governor:

Ez



I'm Ez, one of the Parent Governors here at St Mary's. We have been part of the school for the past 6 years, when we returned to the area, and now live in Charlton Down. I have two older children who have been part of St Mary's and have now moved on to middle school. I also have a daughter in Linden and a son in Oak class.

I became a Governor with the aim to support the school to be the best it can be and to be a voice for the children, their parents and carers.

If you would like to contact me with anything at all related to school, big or small, then feel free to email me at ezlucas@charminster.dorset.sch.uk



Our school attendance for this academic year is currently:

94.8%

Last week's winners were...



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



Our focus for collective worship this half term is 'Friendship'.

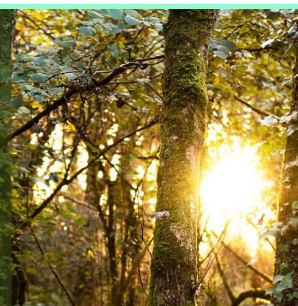
This week's BIG QUESTION is:

How do we make friends?



This week's quote was chosen by...
The Gough family!

"The truth is, every one of us, no matter who we are or where we live, can and must play a part in restoring nature. It's easy to feel overwhelmed or powerless by the scale of the issues facing our planet, but we have the solutions."



Thank you to everybody who has already sent in some 'education-inspired' quotes for our newsletter. Please keep them coming in via class teachers, or via the office email and we will choose a different one, each week, to appear on our newsletter.



We're teaching every child to read with Little Wandle Letters and Sounds Revised. A complete SSP validated by the Department for Education.



Note from our Reading Leader, Mrs Joslin



As we said last week, following our Scholastic Book Fair during the Autumn Term, each class has been given a range of new books!

We have arranged for another Book Fair to take place on the week of our Parent Consultations in week commencing 3rd July. Watch this space!



Sports For Champions

Psst! Have you heard the news?
On 9th June we have got a double mini-trampoline athlete coming to visit our school!

Maddi Tarrant achieved a silver medal at the World Championships in 2019 aged just 15! Not only will she show us some of her skills, she will also help each class to complete a fitness challenge.



So how does this work?

In order to raise money for both the school and to help unsponsored athletes, we ask that you try to collect some sponsors for completing the fitness circuit challenge.

Click on the link to help us to raise some money...

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/stmaryscofefirstschool>

This week in pictures



Have a lovely weekend



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

Parent 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
Call: 01305 228866

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