

Friday 12th May 2023

ST MARY'S NEWS

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

KEY DATES

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

Friday 21st July

Last Day of Term

Mon 24th July to Thurs 31st Sep

Summer Holidays

Note from Mr Homer

Now finishing my fourth week here at St Mary's, I have taken time to reflect on what we have achieved already and what lies in store for the weeks, months and years to come.

From the moment I joined St Mary's, at the start of this term, my focus has been on ensuring that we are doing everything possible to support our children to become the very best version of themselves. As a team, we are focussing on a range of aspects of our provision, the first of which is our physical learning environment. Research and experience tells us that a clear, organised and relatively neutral learning environment provides children with the best opportunity to focus on their learning. Removing unnecessary distractions, whilst ensuring that the environment is purposeful and appropriate, have become our key areas of focus. We look forward to welcoming you into school later this year to see what we have achieved and we are excited to see the benefits this will have on our children's progress.

Next week, we look forward to Year Four's visit to Poole Lighthouse on Tuesday, where they will watch the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra perform. This is sure to be an inspirational experience for all involved. We also look forward to welcoming a new Sports Coach next Thursday afternoon for a trial session. We ask that Willow and Linden class wear PE kits on Thursday next week, as they will be taking part in this trial. (This is for next week only)

Finally, We'd like to thank our Chair of Governors, Lyn Paine, for leading a fantastic Indian dance workshop with Linden, this week. All of the children (and adults!) had a fantastic time and we look forward to next week's session!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mr Homer



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/stmaryscofeirstschool>



Our school attendance for this
academic year is currently:

94.7%

Last week's winners were...



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

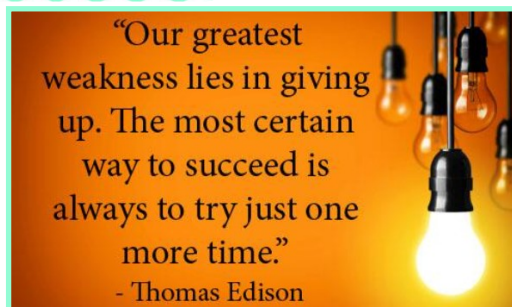


Our focus for collective worship this half term is 'Friendship'.
This week's BIG QUESTION is:

How can we become good friends?



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



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.

Regular events at St Mary's in Term Time (for families and adults)



Tuesdays:

9am to 12noon - T@SM (Community Café) in church
3pm to 4pm - T@SM afterschool session in Community Centre
4.30pm to 6pm - 4UP! Youth Group (year 4's upwards)

Wednesdays:

11am - Choir (open to all)
2.30pm - Prayer Group

Thursdays:

8.40am to 9.40am - School Run Café for parents and tots

Sundays:

11am - Main Service (+ Sunday School or Activity Corner for young children)
3rd Sunday each month - Evensong (timings in the Pilot)
4th Sunday each month, Sept to May - 4pm - Messy Church

This Week's Cracking Caterpillars



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.**