



# St Mary's CE VC First School

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Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Yesterday we walked to St Mary's Church to join together as a school for Remembrance. All classes created art work based around Poppies to take to church. The children sang our Remembrance song and were very calm and respectful. Thank you to Reverend Leila for hosting us all.

The children have all enjoyed working with Life Education Staff this week with a focus on Personal, Social and Emotional development. A letter about this programme accompanies this newsletter.

At the end of this term we will all be sad to say farewell to Mrs Kate Brake. Kate will become the Year 4 Class Teacher at Broadmayne First School in January 2023. This is a wonderful opportunity for Kate and we are all pleased for her. It has been a pleasure to work alongside Kate for the past 11 years and I am sure that you will join me in wishing her well in her new school. We are currently advertising for a teacher to lead Maple Class and will keep you informed once we know who will replace Kate in January.

Next Friday 18<sup>th</sup> will be Children in Need. We would like to support this charity. Children may come to school in non-uniform in return for a donation. Please make your donation through:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=9086>

Thank you to those of you who have already contributed to our Science Dome Visit this term. We still have an outstanding amount. Please log on to our School Gateway and pay your £3.20 contribution if you feel able. If everyone supports us in these donations then we will be able to plan future trips and visits with the confidence that we will be able to cover our costs.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely

Suzanne Garner



## Data

Next week children in Years 1-4 will be bringing home a data collection sheet. All sheets will be in a sealed envelope. This informs you, as parents and carers, what data we are holding for your child as well as giving you the opportunity to make any amendments. Please return this to school as soon as possible in the envelope and mark it CONFIDENTIAL and FAO The School Office.

## Lunchtime and Stay and Play Staff

We are currently experiencing staff shortages across lunchtimes and for our after-school Stay and Play Club. We require staff on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for lunchtimes and on Tuesdays and Fridays after school for our Stay and Play Club. If you would be interested in any of these positions then please apply by clicking on the link below:

<https://jobs.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-support-staff-schools-senior-childcare-worker-st-marys-ce-vc-first-school-charminster/43594.job>

<https://jobs.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/school-support-staff-schools-midday-supervisor-st-marys-ce-vc-first-school-charminster/43597.job>

## Christmas Performances

For the first time in 3 years we will be celebrating Christmas with a whole-school performance of singing, acting and dancing involving all the children. This year it is called 'A Midwife Crisis'. We will do three performances in total this year, all of which will be in the school hall during mornings and one in the evening. Our evening performance will start at 6.00pm in order to support the younger children. We hope that they will be able to participate in the evening performance and will not be too tired! **The performance is not suitable for toddlers and babies to come along as it is likely to be an hour long. Please make alternative arrangements for childcare so that adults are able to enjoy the performance and the hard work of the children.**

Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	School Hall
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	6.00pm	School Hall
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	School Hall

**Seats should be booked in advance through our School Gateway to control numbers for safety reasons. This year we can offer two seats for each family. These will be available through School Gateway from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November on a first, come, first served basis. It is likely that further tickets will be released at a later date once we can see where availability is.**

Separate letters will be sent out during the next few weeks informing you of what we would like your child to wear for the performance. Thank you in anticipation of your help regarding this. Of course if you have difficulties please get in touch with your child's teacher.

**There will be no Stay and Play Club on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. If you had already booked this session, you will see that it has now been cancelled and now credited back to your Gateway Account. I apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.**



## Filming of the Christmas Performance

Our final performance to be professionally filmed by audio/visual specialists with a view to offering it for sale afterwards on DVD. This has always been popular in previous years. There will be no children named in any credits. If there are any parents who object to their child being filmed please discuss this with Suzanne Garner.

### Future Dates:

17 Nov	Class Assembly - Ash - 9.00am
18 Nov	Children in Need - non-uniform
24 Nov	Class Assembly- Maple - 9.00am
6 Dec	Full Governing Body Meeting (2)
6 Dec	Christmas Performance 9.15am
7 Dec	Christmas Performance 6.00pm
8 Dec	Christmas Performance 9.15am
9 Dec	Christmas Jumper Day -Save the Children
12 Dec	Children's Christmas Party Day
15 Dec	Reception Christmas Experience-church
16 Dec	Carol Service 1.30pm St Mary's Church
16 Dec	<b>Last Day of Term</b>