



# St Mary's CE VC First School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are already almost in the middle of a busy summer term here in school. The children are enjoying opportunities to make the most of our outdoor environment.

I wish to inform you that Cathy Clack will not be in school for the next few weeks, therefore I will act on her behalf supported by our wonderful team of staff here in school.

I am delighted to let you know that our previous Oak Class Teacher, Emma Samways (formerly O'Neill), gave birth to a baby boy, Bertie, on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May. Prior to her maternity leave Emma had been seconded to work as the 'Acting Deputy Head' at Broadmayne First School. We have sent messages of congratulations to her and her husband, Ali, and are looking forward to seeing them and meeting their new baby son in the near future.

We are pleased to have appointed Stuart Galloway to lead maths in our school from September. Stuart has led Maths in his current school for a number of years and is an experienced teacher. We will let you know in due course of the class he will teach once we have finalised plans for September.

We welcome Sarah Hopcraft to our team of lunchtime supervisors this term. The children have already started to make her feel at home in her new role!

As a DASP school we have become involved in a national project, '*Send My Friend to School*'. This campaign is run by the UK coalition of the Global Campaign for Education (GCE). In 2000, over 180 countries signed up to a set of commitments for a better world to tackle issues such as hunger and poverty. These Millennium Development Goals included a goal of education for all by 2015. '*Send My Friend to School*' brings together thousands of children across the UK to speak up for the right to education, and remind world leaders of their promise that all children should get the chance to go to school. Today, 11<sup>th</sup> May, we are holding a campaign day in school where every child will spend time thinking about the benefits of school and have an opportunity to create something to contribute to our DASP Box. On 24<sup>th</sup> June our school ambassadors and a teacher will join other DASP schools in a visit to London and the Houses of Parliament where they will deliver our box.

It seems like a long time ago now, but thank you all for your support with our *Skipathon* which we held at the end of March. We raised a wonderful £917 for the British Heart Foundation! This has meant we have £229 to fund further outdoor projects.

This term sees children in Years 2 and 4 undergo national curriculum tests. These form a small part in the way we assess your child's progress and we aim to make them as stress free as possible. Additionally children in Year 1 will be taking their national phonics screening test. Your children's results will be shared with you later this term. If you have any concerns please talk with your child's class teacher or myself.



You will have received the termly letter from your child's class teacher. This will have asked for the voluntary contribution for the term. Although we try to organise visitors and trips with costs in mind, the number of parents paying the voluntary contribution has unfortunately reduced over the last year leaving the school to pick up the cost. Our finances are such that we cannot now do this and as such we will have to cancel trips if we do not receive these payments, something we do not want to do as they are arranged to support work in school. Please speak, however, with our school office or myself in confidence if you have difficulties with these payments.

Last Friday we all enjoyed being part of a DASP Instrumental Music Roadshow. The musicians led an inspiring workshop for the whole-school to watch and participate in. The children were able to see a range of instruments being played. Our thanks go to Hanna Trevorrow, DASP Music Coordinator, for organising this event.

It has come to our attention that Playground equipment is being used at the end of the day by school-aged children and younger siblings. Please be aware that this equipment should only be used by children under the supervision of school staff as our insurance does not cover us for use other than this. We thank you, in anticipation of your support in this.

There now follows more information.

Yours sincerely,

*Suzanne Garner*

### **School Association**

Following the success of last years' 'Fab Fridays' the School Association will begin selling ice lollies in the main playground every Friday after school for the rest of the summer term. We hope you will support them to help raise funds for the school.

### **School Clubs**

We are pleased to offer the following clubs this term:



Club	Day and Time	Year Group	Leader(s)	Dates
Gardening	Mondays 3.00 - 4.00pm	Year 3	Julie May	1, <b>9*</b> , 15, 22, 29 June
Athletics	Mondays 3.00 - 4.00pm	Years 1 and 2	Becky Ryan	1, <b>9*</b> , 15, 22, 29 June
Ball Games	Mondays 3.00 - 4.00pm	Year 4	Emma Lawrence	1, <b>9*</b> , 15, 22, 29 June
Sewing (patchwork)	Wednesdays 3.00 - 4.00pm	Year 3	Lyn Charles Mel Laval	3, 10, 17, 24 June 1 July
Choir	Thursdays 3.00 - 4.00pm	Years 3 and 4	Jane Joy	4, 11, 18, 25, June 1 July
Art	Thursdays 3.00 - 4.00pm	Year 4	Mel Webster	1, <b>**</b> 11, 18, 25 June
Football	Saturdays 11.00 - 12.00am	Years 2, 3 and 4	Chris Oram	This club runs every Saturday until our tournament on Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June.
Cooking Club	Mondays 3.00-4.00pm	<b>*Year 1 and 2 who signed up in the autumn term will be invited to this.</b>	Carol Jerrard Nina Guy	1, 8, 15, 22, 29 June

**\*Please note that this date is a Tuesday (Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June)**

**\*\* Please note this date is a Monday (Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June)**

If your child would like to attend any of these school clubs could you please sign and return the slip by the end of this week. (**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May**). Copies of these will be in your child's book bags. In addition, "Footie 4 Dorset" will be running a football club for years 2.3 and 4 on Wednesday's after school, starting from Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June, Lee Cuff will send out more information about this in due course.

### **School Dates**

12 <sup>th</sup> May	Yr 3 & 4 Lulworth Tripl
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Class Group Photos
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Oak Assembly 9.00am
14 <sup>th</sup> May	Full Governor's Meeting 7.15pm
21 <sup>st</sup> May	New Reception Parent's Afternoon Tea 2.30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Jigsaw Assembly 9.00am
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Last day of Term
1 <sup>st</sup> June	School starts
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	R.E Day
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Jigsaw Assembly 9.00am
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Bike to School Week
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Athletic Event St Osmunds 9-12pm
9 <sup>th</sup> June	School Association Meeting 7.30pm
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Science Enrichment St Osmunds
11 <sup>th</sup> June	Foundation Governor's Committee 2.00pm



17 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Parent's Evening 7.00pm
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Willow Assembly 9.00am
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Potted Sports Day
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Governor's Curriculum Meeting 1.15pm
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Governor's Finance/Buildings Committee 6.00pm
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Maple Assembly 9.00am
26 <sup>th</sup> June	School Association Football Festival 5pm-7pm
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Reports home to parents
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	DASP Transfer Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Meet & Greet your child's new teacher 3.30pm-5.00pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Yr 1 & 2 trip to Charmouth Fossil Centre
7 <sup>th</sup> July	New Parents Induction 1.15-2.45pm
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent/Teacher Consultations 3.30pm-6.00pm
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Full Governor's Meeting 7.15pm
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent/Teacher Consultations 3.30pm-6.00pm
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Beech Assembly 9.00am
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Jigsaw Assembly & DASP Citizens Award 9.00am
10 <sup>th</sup> July	School Association Summer Fayre 5.00pm
13 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Afternoon 1.00pm
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Thank You Afternoon 2.00pm
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Service 2.00pm
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Term

## 2015/16

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015

First day back at school for Autumn Term

