

Friday 21st April 2023

ST MARY'S NEWS

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

KEY DATES

Monday 1st May
Bank Holiday

Thursday 4th May - 9am
Oak Class Assembly

Friday 5th May - 1:30pm
Coronation Celebration!

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

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

Note from Mr Homer

Welcome to our new-look newsletter which has been designed to keep you up-to-date with all of our latest news, upcoming events and current school priorities.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, your children and the awesome team here at St Mary's for welcoming me so warmly in what has been an extremely busy, yet joyful, first week as St Mary's headteacher.

I very much look forward to working alongside each and every member of the St Mary's family in the years to come as we all strive to become the very best version of ourselves.

Have a wonderful weekend!



Dress code: British!

More details on next page



On Friday 5th May 2023, we will be hosting a British-themed street party for children and parents at 1:30pm to celebrate the king's coronation.

If the weather allows, we will hold this on our school field, so we invite you to bring along a blanket or chair. If the weather is typically British on the day, then we will host the event either in the playground or inside.

After serving you with some British delicacies, the children will perform a song or two before joining you for a relaxed afternoon.

We invite EVERYBODY(!) to come dressed in British clothes or colours - the children can come to school in these.

Save the date... Sunday 9th July for our Charminster Family Fun Day!

Over the next 3 months we will hold 3 Funky Fridays where we ask children to take part in exchange for a donation for our Summer Fun day.

Next Friday, 28th April, is our first Funky Friday where we ask children to come in with funky hair and donate a packet of sweets.

Could we kindly ask you to bring in sweets that hopefully won't melt in the heat, for example hard lollies, hard chews, Haribo etc.

We appreciate your donations and look forward to seeing that Funky Hair!



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



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

This week's BIG QUESTION is:

Which ingredients are needed to make a friendship?

**GOOD FRIENDS ARE LIKE STARS.
YOU DON'T ALWAYS SEE THEM,
BUT YOU KNOW THEY'RE
ALWAYS THERE.**

- CHRISTY EVANS



Our school attendance for this academic year is currently:

95.0%

We are committed to ensuring our children achieve the best possible outcomes and good school attendance is key to achieving this aim as it improves your child's chances of success in life. There is clear evidence of the link between good attendance and high achievement.

We would appreciate your help in ensuring that your child's attendance remains above 95% whenever possible. We will be writing to families of children whose attendance falls below this level with the aim of making them aware of their child's attendance and to promote improvement. We do understand that some absences are unavoidable, so this will be taken into account.

Thank you for your support and understanding.



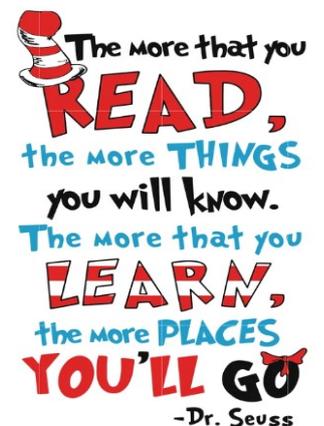
At St Mary's, we value reading as a key life skill, and are committed to enabling our children to become lifelong readers by fostering a love of reading. We are currently being supported by The Cornerstone English Hub to successfully embed 'Little Wandle Letters and Sounds' phonics programme into our curriculum, but we need your help to ensure that this continues to be successful.

We challenge children to read for 5 minutes at home daily!

Coupled with their daily reading at school, these short, regular reading sessions will enable our children to embed their skills and knowledge by continually revisiting and retrieving taught content. *Are you up for the challenge!?*



This week's quote was chosen by... MR Homer!



We are on the hunt for some awesome 'education-inspired' quotes and we need your help! If you or your child can find a famous quote which will inspire us all to grow and flourish, then we would love to hear them! Please send them in via class teachers, or via the office email and we will choose a different one each week to appear here on our newsletter!



"Neat & Tidy"

Church

LEAVING PARTY!

"THANK YOU MRS GARNER"



SUNDAY 23RD APRIL 4PM

Charminster Church

Please BOOK!

www.stmarys-charminster.org.uk



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.**

This week in pictures



Have a lovely weekend