



Friday 9th June 2023

ST MARY'S NEWS

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

KEY DATES

Mon 12th June

Athlete Visit - PE Kits please

Wed 14th June - 7:30pm

New Parents' Evening

Thursday 15th June - 9am

Beech Class Assembly

Monday 19th June - 9am

Potted Sports Morning

W/C Monday 19th June

New-Reception Home Visits

Thursday 22nd June - 9am

Oak Class Assembly

Mon 26th to Wed 28th June

3:30pm - 4:30pm

New Reception Inductions

Thursday 29th June

Ash Ukulele Assembly

Friday 30th June

Reports home to parents

W/C Monday 3rd July

Scholastic Book Fair

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 Aug

Summer Holidays

Friday 1st September

INSET Day

Monday 4th September

First Day of Term

Note from Mr Homer

Welcome back! We hope that everybody had a lovely half term break and managed to enjoy this glorious weather which we are still experiencing.

This week, we have moved our focus onto creating a new vision and set of values for our school. This is a very exciting project as we have the opportunity to shape our direction of travel for the years to come. As this is such an important task, it is vital that we get the process right and, as such, we met with the Assistant Director of Education for the Diocese of Salisbury this week who advised us on how the process should be conducted. We are keen to involve as many members of the St Mary's and Charminster family as possible, and this work will begin in the next few weeks. Our goal is to design a new school vision this half term, ready for September. Throughout the Autumn Term, we will then work together to develop a set of values which will enable us to achieve our new school vision. Watch this space!

On Thursday, we held our first Spirituality Day. All of the children and staff had a wonderful day exploring a range of activities to develop their understanding of how Christians can talk to God. Our thanks go out to Reverend Leila, Reverend Pene, Miss Webster and Mrs Joy for their parts in making this day happen.

Next week, we are very much looking forward to welcoming Maddi to our school on Monday. A huge thank you to everybody who has supported this by sponsoring our children and returning their sponsorship forms and money. If you have not done so already, you can either send this in next week or follow this link to donate online - [LINK](#). We look forward to an action-packed day on Monday! Please remember that all children will need to wear their PE kits.

Have a lovely weekend in this glorious sunshine.

Mr Homer



Introducing our
Chair of Governors:

Lyn



Hi, I am Lyn. I have had the privilege and pleasure of being St Mary's Chair of Governors of St Mary's for 4 years and a governor for 7 years.

We moved to Dorset in 1990 and my youngest son, Alex, joined St Mary's in Year 3. When I retired from being an Adviser for Dorset Education Authority I wanted to contribute something to the local community and was co-opted to the school's Governing Body.

I am a lifelong learner and there is always something new to challenge all of us involved in education. I am passionate about every child having an opportunity to shine and believe that the arts, in particular, have the power to transform lives.

I can be contacted at: lynpain@charminster.dorset.sch.uk



Our school attendance for this academic year is currently:

94.3%

Last week's winners were...



Half Term Reading Challenge!

This is the final call to send in photographs for our Half Term Reading Challenge!

Over the break, we challenged our children to read in the most radical of places! Whether it's at the park, in the woods, under the bed or in a paddling pool, the more radical the better! If you have taken a photo of your child radically reading, then please send it in to our office email address, so that we can enter them into our competition!

Our School Ambassadors will help to choose a winner from each class who will receive a prize and certificate!

PLEASE REMEMBER

Now that Summer is in full swing, please remember to apply sunscreen to your child before school.

We would strongly recommend that every child brings a hat to school, if they have one.

Please also ensure that your child remembers to bring their water bottle with them each day.

Thank you all for your support.

Nearly New SALE

We are looking for donations of your 'nearly new items' for our Charminster Family Fun Day.

Items can be donated every Friday from 9th June at 3pm at Fab Friday shack.

YES

- Toys
- Complete Games/ Puzzles
- Soft toys
- Books
- Household items
- Sports Items

NO

- CDs
- DVDs
- Videos
- Electrical items
- Clothes
- Bedding

This Week's Awards for Growing and Flourishing



**FREE
ENTRY**

DONATIONS WELCOME

In aid of:
**Charminster Pre-School &
St Mary's First School Charminster**

Charminster Family Fun Day

@ St Mary's First School Charminster

**SUNDAY 9TH JULY
12 – 5pm**

(Stalls close at 4pm – Music & Food til 5pm)



**Live Music & Performances • Fun & Games • Prize Draw
Trade Stalls • Inflatable Fun • Creepy Crawlies
Goats • Tombola • Forest School • Cake Sale
Hot Food • Licensed Bar • and much much more.....**



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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.**