

MAY 26TH 2023

ST MARY'S NEWS

Dear Parent,

This half term seems to have zoomed by! With bank holidays, royal celebrations, trips and visits, it has been a busy term! Our Year 2 and 6 children have also worked very hard in preparation for their SAT tests and there was a calm and purposeful atmosphere as they completed their papers. They should feel very proud of their positive attitude and efforts!

Today, the children have been excited to see the new library furniture arrive. We will be aiming to sort and move the books from the old library and catalogue the new books during next half term, ready for September. If you are interested in volunteering to help with this process please let the office know.

There are lots of half term activities taking place locally so please do look at the following pages to see if anything is of interest to you and your family.

THE CHILDREN'S
FOOD FAYRE
"COMPANIONSHIP & CONNECTION"
FRIDAY 16th JUNE, 2-4:30pm

A summer celebration of mutual growth through connection to the earth, creative combination & community co-operation. Traditional games and activities related to the grow-cook-eat cycle - welly boot throwing, potato sack racing, egg & spoon race, apple bobbing, coconut shy, music, storytelling and more!

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St Mary's School,
Skilling Hill Road, DT6 5LA

We will also be hosting a food festival event on site on the 16th June. Children can enter a food themed competition by making a food creature, creating their own vegetable orchestra instrument or submitting their favourite food related joke. More information will be sent home about this after half term. Parents can come on to site at 2pm and enjoy the food, some music and the stalls. Children will be collected at usual time and can then join you to enjoy the fayre and hopefully some sunshine!

I hope you all have a lovely half term break!

Kate Batorska

Summer Term Clubs

Day	Club	Details	Staff member running the club	Age range	Club capacity	Cost per week
Monday	Wii Dance		Miss Rowe	Year 3-6	12	£2
Tuesday	Film Club	A selection of 'U' rated videos will be shown over the term	Mrs Sanson	Year 1-6	15	£2
	Art Club		Miss Barnes	Year 1, 2	10	£2
Wednesday	Running Club		Mr Hiatt	Year 3-6	15	£2
Thursday	Art Club	Children are able to develop their outdoor skills; from den building and campfires to nature crafts and wildlife conservation	Miss Barnes	Year 3-6	10	£2
	Choir		Mr Byrne & Mrs Andrews	Year 3-6	30	Free
	Forest School		Primary Forest School	Year 2-6		£3.50
Friday	Football Club		Mr Collins	Year 5-6	10	£2
	Homework Club		Miss Barnes	Year 1-6	15	Free

Pupils who are eligible for Pupil Premium can attend one activity for free and a 50% discount will be available on My Child at School, if they wish to attend more than one activity. Please call the office to book the free place.

The primary forest school is run by an outside provider. Please click here to book with them directly <https://www.primary-forest-school.co.uk/bookings/2023/06/08/bridport-st-marys-c-of-e-primary-forest-after-school-club-years-6>

A special rate is available if your child is eligible for pupil premium. Please call the office to book

Here are a few highlights of our coronation lunch. The children really enjoyed designing their thrones for the special guest they invited to attend the celebrations. Year 6 were particularly inventive and Mr Bretherton had the full royal treatment!



REMINDER SUMMER TERM DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Sports Day 21st June - we will be starting slightly earlier
- Summer Fayre 7th July 3:15pm onwards
- Achiever's Service 19th July 2pm
- Year 6 Leavers Service 21st July

A Few Reminders:

Please remember to use the football club car park - but not to park in the children's centre spaces that have been reserved for their staff. Thank you!



We have noticed a number of children wearing trainers or items of clothing that are not part of the uniform policy. We appreciate you may have been waiting for half term to purchase new items. Please ensure that correct uniform is worn after the holidays.

Advanced Warning...

From the 3rd July some exciting new interior and exterior work will be taking place at school. This means that the Key Stage 2 gates will be out of use for the last 3 weeks of term. Key Stage 2 will enter and exit from the KS1 playground. We will zone the areas for each class to make this as streamlined as possible. A further reminder will be sent out closer to the time.

Bike through Bridport

The Great Big Green Week (June 10th to 18th) starts off with an opening gathering and our annual bike ride around town. **Saturday June 10th**, assemble in the Community Orchard from 10am for a start around 10:45. It will last for 30-40 minutes.

The route is slightly different from in past years but is still suitable for younger children if they are competent riders and are accompanied by their parent(s) or suitable adult. Last year we had many children and their presence makes the message of our need to use our cars far less more obvious.



Helmets are required plus high viz tops for the majority of riders. The ride is slow and guided by stewards when we need to cross roads.

After the ride they are entitled to a free drink and sweet snack, and are welcome to join their parents listening to the music and visiting stalls. The details of the week and the opening are not finalized yet, but you can find out more detail on

<https://www.westdorsetfriendsoftheearth.org.uk/> and click on the Great Big Green Week.