

St. Mary's CE Primary School

Newsletter

Building a caring
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Friday 2nd October

Newsletter 4

Parent survey

Thank you all for the feedback you have sent in your parent survey - its really great to have supportive comments and ideas that you would like to see at St. Mary's. If you haven't shared your views and would like to, please respond to the survey that was sent via email.

Ethos team

This week, Mr Gawen visited Years 4, 5 and 6 to tell them about a new role called the Ethos team. Children can apply to be in the team and the will be responsible for leading the school in spirituality, showing our values, leading in collective worship and much more.

Gates & car park

Our car park gates will be locked in the evenings and over the weekends. In preparation for the new barrier that will be in place, a reminder that only parents with a displayed disable badge are able to park in the car park.

There have been a number of occasions where staff have driven into the car park and children are playing on the road before school. Please ensure you supervise your children and make sure they are safely on the pavement.



Staff update

Mrs Barnett (Inclusion lead/SENCo) will be leaving St. Mary's at the end of the Autumn term. We are recruiting a new Inclusion Lead/SENCo will work across St. Mary's and Bridport Primary. We will keep you updated on this. In the meantime, if you have SEND specific enquiries, please email the office and I will get in touch with you.

Jewellery

The only jewellery permitted are stud earrings. Please support us by following the school rules for uniform. We are happy to help!

<https://www.stmarybridport.co.uk/page/?title=Uniform&pid=42>



Good luck to our runners tomorrow!

We have 8 children across Year 5 and 6 taking part in the Colmers hill fun run tomorrow! We will update you next week with how they got on! Thank you in advance to parents for coming to support.

It's been a wonderful first month at St. Mary's! We have lots to do, but I am genuinely so grateful to be able to lead this incredible school and I'm excited for the journey ahead.

Have a fabulous weekend!
Miss Foote

Collective worship

Monday: We learnt about the Bayeux tapestry that is now on display in a London museum and how it tells a story. We talked about how we can share stories now and how important it is to know and understand others.

Tuesday: We thought about the 'journey of life' and how we can overcome barriers and challenges to achieve our goals.

Wednesday: We had class worship today.

Thursday: Singing! We have been learning the Harvest Samba and S Club 7 - Reach for the stars!

Friday: Celebration. We celebrated our Values and Learning Champions and the house with the most points this week.



Dates for your diary

- Tuesday 13th - Harvest Festival - St. Mary's church 1.45pm
- Wednesday 14th - 16th - Y6 residential
- Saturday 17th - Tag rugby festival - selected KS2 pupils
- Monday 19th October - Fire safety workshops in school for years 1-6.
- Friday 23rd Break up for half term
- Monday 2nd November - Non-pupil day
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- Tuesday 3rd November - Children return to school
- Friday 13th - Children in Need (non-uniform)

This week at St. Mary's

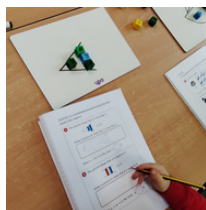
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Reception



This week we have been learning the sounds g, o, c and k and exploring beats in words through Tanka Tank Skunk, tapping out our names with drumsticks. We have also had lots of fun making Autumn leaf wands and zappers, while exploring numbers 1, 2 and 3, learning to subitise and noticing how numbers can be made in different ways.

Year 1



In Forest School this week, we listened to the story, 'Stanley's Stick', collected and sorted sticks that we then used to make some animal artwork. In maths, we continued with our learning on comparing numbers and used the terms greater than, less than and equal to.

Year 2



This week, we have been exploring our local area and learning about the difference between human features and physical features. We sorted different features into these two categories and then had fun drawing some of our own examples. It has been a great opportunity for us to develop our geographical vocabulary and learn more about the place we live in.

Year 3



This week we have been working on improving our computing skills. We have been using a touch typing programme to learn how to use our fingers when typing. In Year 3 we try to tie in computing in the curriculum and they are making so much progress!

Year 4

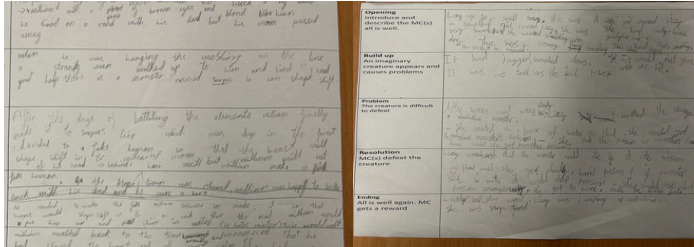


This week, Year 4 have been learning about Roman mosaics. We explored how the Romans used small, colourful tiles to create detailed patterns and pictures. We then designed and created our own Roman-inspired mosaics, showing fantastic creativity, care and attention to detail.

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Year 5



This week, the children have been innovating their own 'defeat the monster story' through a boxing up plan. We used features from our class toolkit to ensure the texts are interesting.

Year 6



Year 6 have had another exciting week! In PE, we were very excited to get the gymnastics equipment out from the walls and enjoyed developing our movement, balance and coordination skills. As part of our WWII topic, we also explored wartime rationing and put our historical knowledge to the test by creating a rationing menu for a child living during the war.

Inclusion hub



In the inclusion Hub we have had a great week developing our own personal targets. Whether this is developing our communication skills, our phonics learning or our maths. Several of the hub children have enjoyed playing our new maths matching game supporting turn taking, communication, number recognition and number matching.

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Values Champion

Our values champion is awarded to someone who has shown one of the school values throughout the week in their actions and words.

Reception - Archie

Year 1 - Blake

Year 2 - Huntley

Year 3 - Ettie

Year 4 - Albie

Year 5 - Joshua

Year 6 - Daisy-Jay

Learning Champion

Our learning champion is awarded to someone who has excelled in their learning throughout the week.

Reception - Nina

Year 1 - Dexter

Year 2 - Kit

Year 3 - Ruby

Year 4 - Zoie

Year 5 - Logan

Year 6 - Dylan