

Newsletter



Friday 9th September 2022

St. Mary's Catholic
Primary School

Dear Families and Friends



Return to School

What a wonderful first week back, despite heavy rain showers! During the holidays, the school has been spruced up with some classrooms being painted, some new fire doors being replaced and work was carried out on the roof. It really has made a difference. Everyone has already settled in their new classes, and are keen to learn. It has been wonderful to once again see the children playing with their friends old and new on our playground.

Staffing Vacancy

As you are aware, both Mrs Tytheridge and Miss Horton secured new jobs in the very last week of term, so we are advertising for a Teaching Assistant and a Midday Supervisor to start as soon as possible. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested, please refer them to our website <https://www.stmarymarnhull.dorset.sch.uk/news/>

Start and end of day

In order to meet the Government's requirement of all children being in school for 32.5 hours, we are now opening the gates from 8:30 until 8:45 in the morning, and from 3:15 until 3:25 in the afternoon. Thank you for your patience, co-operation and understanding in this matter.



Hot school meals

Please make sure that if you want to order hot school meals, you need to do so by Monday for the following week.

Thank you.

Packed lunches and snacks

Please can I remind you that we are a NUT FREE School. We do have a child in school for whom nuts and **any food which contains nuts** is highly dangerous. Please be aware of any foods which may contain nuts. Thank you for your understanding.



Free School Meals in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

Do you know about...

free school meals

If your child qualifies for free school meals, they will have a **healthy meal every school day**, and can get:

- access to **free holiday clubs**
- extra money for their school** towards more teachers and activities

You could save over £450 a year!

It's easy to find out if you qualify - complete our confidential checker at dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/free-school-meals or phone 01305 221090

Pupil Premium

If your child is in reception to year 2 and you receive qualifying benefits, **you could get extra £££'s for your school!**

Apply for the Pupil Premium at dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/pupil-premium

As you may already be aware, Universal Infant Free School Meals are automatically offered to all pupils in reception, year one and year two.

If you receive any of the following benefits, please complete the pupil premium application form. This will secure extra funding for your school which can be used to support your child in school or help with the cost of uniforms or trips.

The criteria for free school meals/pupil premium is as follows:

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under part VI of the

Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit: if you're not entitled to Working Tax Credit and your annual gross income is no more than £16,190
- Working Tax Credit 'run-on' payment (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit: if your household income is less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Pupil Premium Application form (found on Dorset's webpage:

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/at-school/pupil-premium>).

If you need any further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dorset's Free School Meals team using the following contact details: freeschoolmeals@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk or telephone 01305 221090.

After school clubs

After school clubs will start up again from **week beginning 12th September**, and will be as follows:

Day	Clubs
Monday	Lego – Mr Cato
Wednesday	Book Club - Miss Smith
Thursday	Eco Club – Mrs Myatt Football KS2 – Mr Young

The clubs run from 3:15 until 4:15pm

After School Club

If you have one child at a club, you could book your other child or children into our After School Club.

3:15 - 4:15pm - £3.50



Please remember that we have Breakfast Club which starts at 8am every day and costs £2.50 per session.

We also have After School Club which has 3 sessions:

3:15 - 4:15pm - £3.50

3:15 - 5:00pm - £7.50

3:15 - 6:00pm - £10.00

Please use school Money to book your child in for any sessions.

Coats

As the weather is now becoming more autumnal, please remember to send your child in to school with a coat, so they can still play outside comfortably – even in a light drizzle.



Parents Evening

We will be having parents' meetings on:

Monday 26th September 2022 from 5 - 7pm

Wednesday 28th September 2022 from 3:30 – 5:30pm

Please contact teachers directly through **Class**

Dojo requesting your preferential day and an hour slot, from which you will be allocated a 10-minute appointment. The meetings will take place in classrooms, but please note that Miss Smith will be situated in Mr Young's classroom as well. The teachers are very excited to speak to you about how your child is settling in and what their learning focus will be. **Please note – after school clubs will not run that week.**

PE Kit



Please can I remind you that on PE days, for health and safety, children should not be wearing any earrings. If this cannot be avoided, please ensure your child wears (surgical) tape over their earrings. Can we also request that children in **KS2** wear long socks and bring shin pads for their PE days.

Reception September 2023 – Open Days

If you know of anyone who is looking for a place for their child in September 2023, please let them know about our open days...



St Mary's Catholic Primary School
Headteacher - Mrs Sharon Betts
office@stmarymarnhull.dorset.sch.uk Telephone: 01258 820417



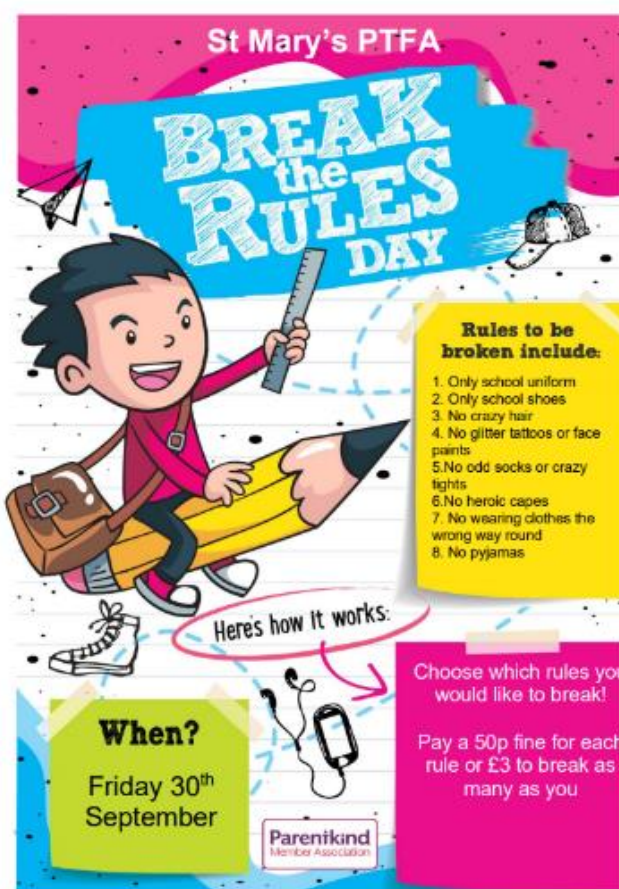
Do you have a child due to start school in September 2023?
Do come and visit St Mary's on Saturday 1st October 10am -12pm.

Alternatively, if you would like to come along on a Monday morning, please see available dates below. We look forward to showing you around our lovely school and seeing our fantastic children enjoying their learning. Please telephone or e-mail to book a date.

Time: 9:30 am
Dates: 3rd October, 10th October, 17th October 2022



The closing date for applications on 15th January 2023
Dorset School Admissions Contact: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-school-place>
Please see St Mary's Catholic Primary School website for further information on our admissions policy. <https://www.stmarymarnhull.dorset.sch.uk/home>



PTFA

Welcome back to the new term and thank you for all of your out grown uniform donations over the past week. If you are in need of any pre-loved uniform, do come and speak to either Rebecca Aldridge or Rachel Carrick.



Don't forget that Friday 30th September is Break the Rules day and if you are having a clear out of clothes after the summer, we have a Bag2School collection on Tuesday 18th October. The more we collect, the more money raised for the school!

If you would like to get more involved with the PTFA, our next

meeting is on September 20th at 6.30pm - venue to be confirmed. It would be lovely to see you there.



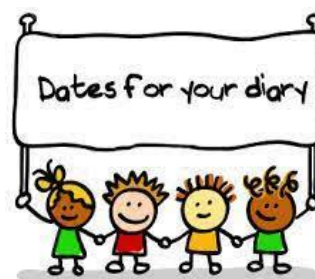
Celebration Assembly

We are continuing to invite the parents of one class at a time to attend our Celebration Assembly. Please arrive at 2:50pm and park on the playground, so we can start at 2:55pm. Thank you.

Celebration Assembly - 2:40pm	Class	
Friday 16 th September	St Anthony's & Explorers	
Friday 23 rd September	St Mark's	
Friday 30 th September	St Francis	
Friday 7 th October	St Alban's	
Friday 14 th October	St Anthony's & Explorers	
Friday 21 st October	St Mark's	

Dates for your diary:

- **Tuesday 20th September PTFA Meeting**
- **Monday 26th September – parents' meetings**
- **Wednesday 28th September – parents' meetings**
- **Friday 30th September – Break the Rules Day**
- **Friday 7th October - CAFOD Harvest Day**
- **Tuesday 18th October – Bag2School collection**
- **Friday 21st October – break up for half term**
- **Monday 31st October – INSET Day**
- **Tuesday 1st November – children return to school**



Thank you for your continued support,

Sharon Betts
Headteacher

Catholic Children's Society

Please see the following flier. We now have an orange collection box in the school entrance, for any of the following:

CAN YOU HELP CCSP?



For further details please contact Vicki Dunstone
at the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth),
St Boniface House, Ashburton, TQ13 7JL:

Email ccs@prcdtr.org.uk

Telephone 01364 645420

www.ccsplymouth.org.uk

Charity Number
282803

We can accept any of the following:

Any Stamps, old Envelopes**, First Day Covers,
Postcards** (including Pre-1940s Birthday Cards
and World War 1 silk cards**) - used or unused.
Please leave a 5 to 8mm border around stamps.

**If foreign stamps (of any date) or UK stamps
postmarked BEFORE 1970 are on envelopes or
postcards - DO NOT REMOVE THEM! They may be worth
more as a collectible item complete.

Coins and Bank Notes - any and all, old and new,
from ANYWHERE in the world, obsolete or otherwise.

Precious Metals - including broken jewellery,
old trophies, gold, silver etc.

Medals and Badges - any, and not limited to military
items, other medals and badges accepted.

Costume Jewellery - is accepted.

Keys and Locks - any age or types.

Metals - metal toys, metal household ornaments
and cutlery - any age, type or condition -
contact us if you're not sure.

Watches - Quartz or wind-up, working or not.

Scientific & Photographic - Many types accepted -
however, please contact us first before sending.

Small Antiques & Collectibles - anything unusual
considered - contact us if you're not sure.



To arrange a special collection minimum weights apply: Coins 10kg, Other items 15kg,
please telephone 01752 296 369, Mon/Tue/Thur, 9am to 5pm.

Small lots / donations can be mailed, direct (ensure correct postage is paid) to:

***Stamps n All, Dept CCS-PLYM, PO Box 245, Plymouth, PL5 2WX**

*NOTE: Please include sender's name & address (details for internal use only & will NOT be passed to third parties).

Stamps n All (Sole Trader), which means that all goods donated to Charities are paid for, but the sole trader profits from goods purchase

Calling any budding thespians...

Shaftesbury Arts Centre are looking for children who are a minimum age of 7 years of age who would like to get involved.



Shaftesbury Arts Centre
presents

Nativity!

The Musical

Interest Evening

21st September 7.30pm

Parts for Adults and Children

Come and find out how to add some 'Sparkle and Shine' to your very own Nativity story

Book tickets

Box Office: 01747 854321
www.shaftesburyartscentre.org.uk

Shaftesbury
Arts Centre

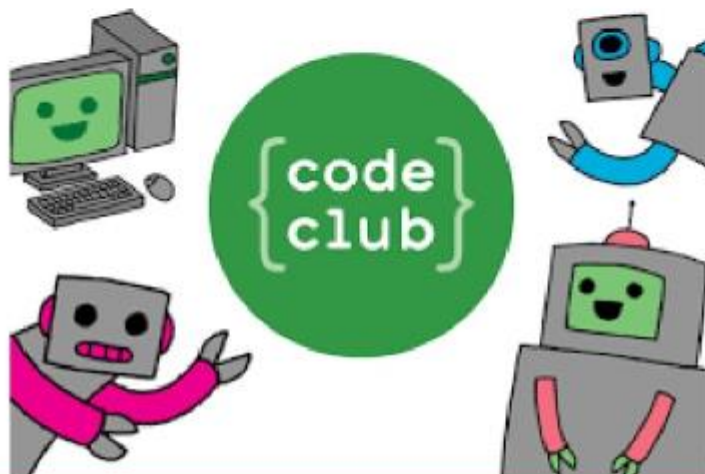
11-13 Bell St,
Shaftesbury,
Dorset SP7 8AR



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Code Club

Code Club is a fun and creative way for children aged 9-11 to learn the basics of computer programming!



Gillingham Library

**Every Tuesday during Term Time
3:45pm - 4:45pm**

Spaces are strictly limited so booking is essential on:

For more information ☎ 01747 822180

Children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent or carer.



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