

Newsletter

Friday 12th May 2023



St. Mary's Catholic
Primary School

Dear Parents and Friends

Where is summer?

We are now well into the summer term but you wouldn't believe it with this cold and damp weather! Nevertheless, the weather didn't dampen our spirits last week when we celebrated the coronation of King Charles III. The children came dressed as royalty or in red, white and blue and had a great time learning about what the coronation would entail. The day culminated in a Royal Tea Party organised by our amazing PTFA and the children had an opportunity to join in the parade around the field (to let off some energy and sugar!) It was lovely to be joined by parents and grandparents.



Reading – the gateway to learning!

Please can I remind you of the importance of **hearing your children read at home** daily – or AT LEAST three times a week, even when they are in Y6! Please record this in your child's reading record and ensure that they bring both their reading book and reading record to school every day. Please also record if they are reading other books from home or the local library! If children can read fluently, they will enjoy their reading more and be able to access their learning more easily.

Packed lunches and healthy snacks

We have noticed that children are having crisps, biscuits and chocolate bars – even doughnuts at break times for their mid-morning snack. Please can you ensure that these snacks are either fruit or raw vegetables. Thank you.

Please can also 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** (including a favourite chocolate spread) is highly dangerous. Please be aware of any foods which may contain nuts. Thank you for your understanding.



Proactive Parenting

We are very fortunate to be able to run some Proactive Parenting sessions with Sarah Watts from the Catholic Children's Society (CCS). This will be an opportunity to sit, chat and share ideas with other parents over a cup of tea or coffee. It's a chance to explore, share and support each other. There is no judgment and the courses are not designed particularly for 'bad' parents or parents of 'naughty' children. Parenting is tough for everyone! (Believe me, I know!) The next course will take place on 25th May from 9am -12pm. Toddlers and babies are welcome! We look forward to seeing you.



Catholic Children's Society Plymouth

Putting Children First

St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Marnhull

Session 1: Thursday 4th May 2023 9-12 am

- Parental Well-being
 - Needs vs Wants
- Effective Praise and Communication
- Boundary Setting and Responsibilities
- Behaviour we don't like and the Consequences

Session 2: Thursday 25th May 9-12 am

- Anxiety and Attachment-
- Bereavement and Loss
- Technology and the Family



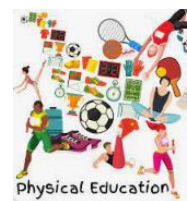
Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth), St Boniface House, Ashburton, Devon TQ13 7JL

01364 645420 www.ccsplymouth.org.uk ccs@prcdtr.org.uk

PE lessons

For this half term, PE lessons take place on:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
St Anthony's St Francis	St Mark's St Alban's	St Anthony's St Mark's	St Francis St Alban's



School Uniform

Please can you ensure your child comes to school with appropriate school uniform – there has been an **increase in non-school uniform hoodies and trainers** being worn. It has also been noted that whilst the children are wearing uniform, they need to take more care over the neatness, with shirts tucked in etc. Can I also remind you that jewellery and nail varnish are not permitted.



Safety on the Lanes

Please can I ask you to be patient, respectful and safe in and around the car park and the lanes, especially on busier days when there are no clubs. Thank you again for your cooperation in this matter.



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

Busy Bees After School Club 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, but note that you can't book through School Money on the day. Children being picked up after 5pm, will be charged until 6pm.

We can now take pre-school children on a Wednesday to Busy Bees After School Club, but not a Friday now due to staffing changes. Also please note that on Friday 20th May, Busy Bees will finish at 5pm – although do be aware that the booking system doesn't enable us to block this out. Thank you.



After school clubs

Teacher Clubs take place from 3:15pm until 4:15pm. Please collect your children promptly.

Day	Clubs
Monday	Art & Craft Club – Miss Smith
Tuesday	Drama Club – Ms Baynton
Thursday	Eco Club – Mrs Myatt Football KS2 – Mr Young

Attendance and punctuality

Please remember that the bell rings at 8:45 and that is when the gates will be **closed**. Anyone arriving after that time will be marked late in the register. Thank you for your understanding in this matter. **Please email or phone the office to alert school for any absence or lateness.** Thank you.

Attendance Matters



Free School Meals in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2

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.

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](https://www.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](https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/pupil-premium)



Celebration Assembly

We look forward to seeing you at Celebration Assembly. Remember to be there at 2.45pm, so we can start at 2.50pm. Thank you.

Swimming Lessons

We are trying to organise a block of 4 weeks swimming lessons in the summer term for those children in **Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 who cannot swim 25m unaided**. Please can you let your child's teacher know if your child cannot swim 25m unaided by the end of **12th May** (today). Thank you.



PTFA

Thankyou to everyone who came to our Royal tea party. There was such a lovely atmosphere and the children really got into the spirit of celebrating!



Don't forget that our 'Night at The Movies' event is on Friday 19th May. Tickets are £8, which includes your first drink. We really do need your help and support with ticket sales to make sure this event goes ahead with a bang!

Tickets will be available at the school gate this afternoon.

Tickets £8 each and include your first drink!



BAR
DISCO
'MOVIE' FANCY DRESS
PHOTOBOOTH
RAFFLE
POPCORN & POSH DOGS

ST MARY'S PTFA INVITE YOU TO DANCE THE NIGHT AWAY AT OUR FUNDRAISING EVENT

Night at the Movies

19th May 2023. Doors open at 7:30pm. At Marnhull village Hall.

Tickets £8 each. Available at Robin hill stores or contact the PTFA directly on 07985288745
stmarysmarnhullptfa@gmail.com

Come dressed as your favourite movie character or star! Prize for best dressed!

Gillingham Outreach Base Activities - May - July

There is a new programme for Gillingham outreach base this summer. They are also offering/hosting the following additional courses/activities in the Locality:

- Living with Parents workshops for Year 6 +
- Sensory Tent hire
- Speech Therapy Early Advice

Their programme is also available online at Find a Children's Centre - Dorset Council under the North Locality.

<https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/children-families/childcare/childrens-centres>



**FREE
Activity
Programme
Apr - July**

**Gillingham Children's Centre
Outreach in community venues**

Monday 10am - 11.30am

Learning Together for 12 months +

Fun with much loved books and stories to support speech development and school readiness. Held at Marlow's Makes, SP8 4AY. This is an outdoor venue so please dress for all weathers.

1.30pm - 3pm

Baby and Me

Practical ideas to support you and your baby feel confident. Held at Gillingham Library SP8 4UA. Starts 5th June.

Starts 17th April. To book, please contact: 01258 474036 or email northlocality@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk

**Groups are provided free of charge
but donations are welcome**



May Hockey

Camp



Saturday 27th May
For players aged
4-16 looking to



develop their skills

For more information or to book your place
contact katie@sportfitcoachingservices.co.uk

4-6yrs 9.30-10.30

£7.50 Per Session

7-10 yrs 1030-1300

£15.00 per session



27th May
Bryanston
School,
Blandford
Forum

Ages 11-15

10.00-13.00

£17.50 per session



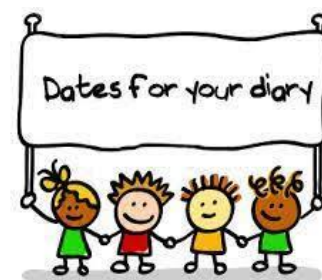
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Dates for your diary:

- Friday 19th May – May Procession 11am
- Friday 19th May - Pre-loved Uniform Sale from 3.10pm
- Friday 19th May - Night at the Movies
- Wednesday 24th May – Pete the Poet
- Friday 26th May – break up for Half Term
- Monday 5th June - INSET Day
- Tuesday 6th June – children return to school
- Thursday 8th – Friday 9th June – Y4, 5 & 6 Residential
- Friday 23rd June – Non-School Uniform Day for Catholic Children's Society
- Monday 26th June - Bags2School collection
- Wednesday 29th June – Whole School Mass Feast of Saints Peter & Paul (tbc)
- Friday 7th July – Sports Day
- Friday 7th July - Summer fun after Sports day
- Saturday 8th July - Marnhull Fest ... come along and see us
- Thursday 13th July - End of Year Reports to Parents
- Friday 21st July – End of Year Mass (tbc)
- Friday 21st July – end of term - break up for Summer holidays



Term Dates 2023-24		Half Term holidays	Inset Days
Autumn Term 01.09.23 – 16.12.23	Children start school Monday 4th September 2023 Children break up for Christmas holidays on Friday 15th December 2023	Children finish for half term on Friday 20th October 2023 and return to school on Tuesday 31st November 2023	01.09.23 30.10.23
Spring Term 02.01.24 – 28.03.24	Children start back at school Wednesday 3rd January 2023 Children break up for Easter holidays on Thursday 28th March 2024	Children finish for half term on Friday 9th February 2024 and return to school on Tuesday 20th February 2024	02.01.24 19.02.24
Summer Term 15.04.24 – 23.07.24	Children start back at school Monday 15th April 2024 Children break up for Summer holidays on Tuesday 23rd July 2024	Children finish for half term on Friday 24th May 2024 and return to school on Tuesday 4th June 2024	03.06.24

God Bless

Sharon Betts
Headteacher