

St Mary & St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



20th April 2023

Dear Parents

We have enjoyed welcoming the children back after the Easter holidays and it is good to see them all settling back into their learning.

Dates for your diary	
Year 6 cake sale for Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal.	21.04.2023
Year 4 parent assembly 2.45pm	28.04.2023
Bank holiday	01.05.2023
Children's Coronation celebrations	05.05.2023
Kings Coronation bank holiday	08.05.2023
Year 6 SATS week – It is essential that all year 6 children are in school during this week of tests	09.05.2023-12.05.2023



CAFOD

If you still wish to send in a donation towards the walk around the track for CAFOD please send it into school this week. Or via the CAFOD website via this link - <https://cafod.org.uk/>

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ATTENDANCE AND LEAVE

REQUESTS

It is essential that children form good habits of regular attendance at school from an early age and that good attendance is maintained throughout their school career. St Mary & St Joseph's is committed to working together to ensure that there is a consistent approach to school attendance. It is a legal requirement that all children should attend their educational provision and it is the parent/carer's responsibility to ensure that their children attend school.

St Mary and St Joseph's has agreed the following:

- It is important that pupils are in school on time. Time keeping is not only important in obtaining maximum benefit from education but is also a key skill for adult life. Lateness is monitored by the school and contributes to absence rates.
- St Mary & St Joseph's will monitor the attendance of our pupils and work closely with Dorset county council's School Attendance Service to support children whose attendance levels are causing concern.
- Whilst we understand that children do become ill on occasions, children who lose a lot of time at school can suffer in the long term from significant gaps in their learning. If a child's health continues to affect their education schools are obliged to make a referral to School Health to ensure that appropriate medical advice and support is provided.
- If a child is ill, it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure that they inform the school. St Mary & St Joseph's operates a targeted "First Day Call" system, which means if they had not received a message from you, they will contact you to ask why your child is not in school and when they are expected to return.
- No leave of absence will be granted during term time, except in exceptional circumstances.
- We are therefore informing parents/carers that, should you wish to take your child out of school for any leave of absence, holidays or otherwise, the request will not be routinely granted. It is essential that any requests are made in writing in advance for the attention of the Head Teacher. Any absence which has not been authorised by St Mary & St Joseph's will be recorded as "unauthorised" and this has the potential to impact on your child's overall absence figure and could result in legal action.

St Mary & St Joseph's is committed to ensuring that every learner has the opportunity to thrive and achieve, and recognises that good attendance is central to this.



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We were so inspired and proud to hear about what Evie has been up too, we thought we must share it with our school family!



Thank you! 

Evie Grace Larder

for kindly donating your hair



Your wonderful donation will make a real difference to children and young people affected by hair loss







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As part of their Science topic, this week Elm class have been planting sunflower seeds we look forward to seeing the results.



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Beech class have been busy making mini greenhouses in their DT lessons

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It was really
good fun
planting the
sunflower seeds

Ridley

We can take our
sunflowers home

Ralphie

Seeds need sunshine
and water to grow

Katie-Mae

I love sunflowers!

Emilie

Best wishes

Executive Headteacher

P Fearn

Mrs Paula Fearn