

St Mary & St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Newsletter



11th October 2023

Time flies when you are having fun! We have almost finished our first half term and have a busy couple of weeks ahead. There are parents evenings soon where you can catch up with teachers about how everyone has settled in so far. The whole school are busy with learning and trips- Year 6 are off to enjoy the Victorian delights of the Shire Hall and Year 5 have enjoyed sculpting figures using wire and clay while Year 4 are visiting Wareham to understand all about the Saxons. Year 2 have studied the work of Piet Mondrian and created some wonderful work based on his ideas. In Elm class the children have enjoyed Autumn walks and are completing Read Write Inc phonics using both their reading and writing skills.

Mrs Terrey has enjoyed sharing squash and treats every Friday with our certificate winners... it is almost chilly enough for Hot chocolate!

Dates for your diary	
Year 6 visit to Shire Hall	13.10.2023
Parent teacher meetings (booking via parentmail to open nearer the time)	17.10.2023
Harvest liturgy – School hall 9.15am	18.10.2023
Parent teacher meetings (booking via parentmail to open nearer the time)	19.10.2023
Last day of term	20.10.2023
PTFA Non uniform day donate a £1	20.10.2023
PTFA Spooky tuckshop at 3.15pm	20.10.2023
Individual photos to be taken by Fraser photographers	28.11.2023

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The Rule of 3

In our school our children are Ready, Respectful and Safe. This is the Rule of 3 and every class has been working on understanding this and demonstrating these behaviours in every part of school life. Check in with your child about being Ready, Respectful and Safe at school.



Forest School

Forest School begins with ***Beech Class Year 3 after Half term*** led by our Forest School Teacher Mrs J Childs. This will be every ***Monday*** afternoon until the end of the Autumn term.

Session dates are as follows:

6/11 13/11 20/11 27/11 4/12 11/12

On these dates Beech class should come dressed for Forest School, clothing should be long trousers and long sleeves with appropriate footwear such as old trainers or wellies. Clothes should be play clothes that can- and will, get dirty. Sessions will happen outside in all weather unless it is particularly grim!

The School Governing Body

The School Governing body has increased in number with Mr Nick Salt as the elected Chair of Governors with Win Sheldon as vice chair. The parent Governor who has joined the team is Mrs Charlotte Slemon.

The Governors will be developing their roles in supporting the school in many ways this year.



Harvest Festival

Please join us on Weds 18th Oct at 9.15am in the school hall as we celebrate the Harvest. We thank God for all we have and remember those less fortunate than ourselves. Our new GIFT team will lead the Harvest celebration.

We will gather donations for the local food bank as part of our Harvest celebration. Please bring goods to school by Thursday 17th October. Thank you

Here are just some ideas of items to donate

- Canned Foods: Meats, like poultry and tuna. Soups, stews, chili, gravy, and sauces. Pasta. Fruits and vegetables. Beans. ...
- Dried Goods. Soups. Mixtures, including pancake mix. Tea bags. Powdered milk. Grains. ...
- Potato chips.
- Granulated sugar.
- Syrup and honey.
- Bottled Water.



News

Visits to NHS website's head lice advice page jump by a third in back-to-school spike

The number of people seeking advice on head lice and nits from the NHS website has increased by more than a third since the beginning of September.

Figures released by NHS England, which runs the NHS website, show there were 12,720 weekly visits to the [health advice page on head lice and nits](#) last week (15 to 21 September) compared with 9,524 at the start of the month (1 to 7 September) – an increase of 34%. Visits peaked on Monday 18 September when there were 2,196 in a day – the equivalent of one click every 39 seconds.

The increase coincides with children returning to school after the holidays. Head lice and nits are common in young children and families, and are passed on through head-to-head contact, not dirty hair. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>

PTFA

Our amazing PTFA team have arranged for an own clothes day on the last day of term (donate a £1) and a spooky tuck shop!

**SMSJ PTFA
PRESENTS**

**NON-
UNIFORM
DAY**

**Please donate £1 per
child for the PTFA**

Friday 20th October



Headteacher

S Terrey

Mrs Sarah Terrey