



# St. Mary's School News

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Newsletter  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems to have been a very long term and I know that all children and staff are looking forward to a well-earned break for the next few weeks. We say a fond farewell to Mrs Merry, our lovely Spanish teacher and TA this week. We hope her new full time TA position is everything she hopes for and we thank her for all her hard work over the last years.

I hope you enjoy a happy and peaceful Easter break and that children will return refreshed for a very busy Summer Term.

God Bless  
Sarah Wembridge

## Absence in Term Time

Attendance: Please can I remind you how important good attendance is for your child's learning. You will see a percentage of attendance on your child's report. Sometimes absence cannot be avoided, but all the odd days add up quickly. Any percentage below 97.5% is below the national expectation. Below 95% would be seen as 'poor.' 90% or below is a serious concern, and I will be investigating those next term. I will not grant any absence requests unless there is a very serious reason. Any pre-booked holidays made by parents or other relatives will not be granted, neither will odd days or a day for travelling or for an extended weekend break. Absence for sports competitions or external exams in music, ballet etc. are considered separately

## School Mass

All are welcome and encouraged to join us to celebrate Mass on Friday 7th April at 9am in the school hall.



## HOLIDAY SPORTS CAMP

We will once again be holding a Holiday Sports Camp for St. Mary's pupils over the Easter holidays. There are still some places available if your child would like to take part.

Please contact the school office to check availability and book your places.

## Swanage Year 4 Residential Trip

With the Year 4 residential trip to Swanage fast approaching, please can we remind our Year 4 parents to forward any remaining balances outstanding and completed medical forms to the school office as soon as possible.

Thank you.



## Second Hand Uniform Sale News

Thank you to all those of you who have supported the 2nd hand uniform sales this year and a massive thank you to Mrs Biro and Mrs Russell who have kindly worked so hard to organise the sales.

Money raised has been used to purchase crosses for the Easter activities that have been arranged by the PTA. The end of year 6 framed photos that can be seen on display around the school have also been sponsored by the sales.

## CURRENT VACANCIES

2 X MDSA's required asap.

7.5 hours per week. Grade B. Term time only.

Job shares considered.

## Early Years Places

Any parent wishing to enrol their child in EYFS from September needs to collect an application form and information pack from the school office ASAP.

## PTA NEWS

Thank you to all members of the St. Mary's PTA for all their fabulous fundraising efforts this year. The Easter celebrations planned for Friday look set to make a fun filled end of term treat for the children!

The pancake races raised an amazing £1030 and 'Waitrose Community Matters' donated another £100

This brings us another step closer to being able to purchase much wished for ipad's for the classes.

The PTA have much more fund raising planned for after Easter including a school disco and a quiz night (dates to follow shortly)

The date for the school fete has now been confirmed as the 30th June, so put this in your diaries. If any parent has a good idea for a stall or has something that they would like to sell at the fete please

contact the school office or Kirsty Mason.

Many thanks for your continued support!!



## Chippenham Library has some new and exciting FREE events coming up

**Tues 18 April** (2:30-3:00) Funny Bunny Stories suitable for children 4+

**Fri 21 April** (2:00-2:30) The Day the Crayons Quit story and art activity for children 4-11

**Thurs 27 April** (9:30, 10:45 & 1:00) Laura James – Adventures of Pug Author Event for KS1 (by class bookings only)

**Tues 2 May** (4:00-4:30) Booksters Reading Group for children in years 5 & 6 Come along and join us for lively discussion & debate!

**Thurs 18 May** (4:00- 5:30) David Walliam's Day! For children who have read & enjoyed David Walliam's books

**Tues 13 June** (4:00-4:30) Booksters Reading Group for children in years 5 & 6 Come along and join us for lively discussion & debate!

**Tues 11 July** (4:00-4:30) Booksters Reading Group for children in years 5 & 6 Come along and join us for lively discussion & debate!

**Fri 14 July** (3:00-6:30) Summer Reading Challenge – sign up and read in!

**Sat 15 July** First Day of the Summer Reading Challenge – sign up and read in!

**Fri 28 July** Harry Potter Day! – Save the Date! Details coming soon.

Please contact Chippenham Library on 01249 650536 or come into the library for further info

## Whole School Holiday Homework

'Multiplication Madness' .....information to follow!

## Sports News

This term the Tag Rugby team won the Chippenham schools festival and made it to the county finals. The Netball team came 2nd in the Chippenham festival and 5th in the County playoffs. The Hockey Team came 2nd in the Chippenham tournament and joint 3rd in the county playoffs. The Football team sadly didn't make it out of the pools, they then played this Saturday and came 7th, the netball team came 5th. A great sporting term!!

Sports Day coming up on the 15th May !

**The new summer term for pupils begins on Monday 24th April.  
Enrichment sessions for Junior children will commence on  
Wednesday 26th April.**