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Dear Parents

Welcome back after the half term break, we have had a good start to this half term with a great multi-skills PE session with our DASP PE specialist and some great Year 8 Sports Leaders. They worked with our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes.

We had another well attended Open Morning this morning for prospective parents, we have our final one on Tuesday 12th November at 1.15 pm.

We have a very busy, exciting half term coming up, please see the upcoming dates below.

Bling your Bike/Scooter

As part of our involvement with the Sustrans Bike It project we would like to encourage as many children to cycle and scooter to school where possible. Cycling/scooter to school is healthy, good for the environment, cheap, it means there will be fewer cars at the school gates and above all, it is great fun!

To make cycling/scooter to school even more fun, we are having a 'Bling Your Bike/Scooter' day on **Friday 22nd November** when we would like to encourage all children to cycle or scooter to school, and to decorate their bike/scooter at home before coming in.

There is a separate letter with further details.

Upcoming Dates

Please see our upcoming dates

Friday 8th November	PTA Firework Event at St Mary's - gates open 5.00 pm, fireworks at 7.00 pm
Monday 11 th November	Year 2 attending Remembrance Service
Monday 11 th November	Year 3 & 4 – Michael Rosen Show – Weymouth Pavilion
Tuesday 12 th November	Year 3 using the Inflatable Museum

Tuesday 12 th November	Parent Workshop - Reading - 9.00 am
Tuesday 12 th November	Year 1 trip to Dorchester Library
Tuesday 12 th November	Open Morning for prospective parents for Reception Class September 2020 – 1.15 pm (third of three open mornings)
Wednesday 13 th November	Artist Jason Wilsher-Mills working with Year 4
Thursday 14 th November	Parent Workshop - Reading - 2.45 pm
Thursday 14 th November	Artist Jason Wilsher-Mills working with Year 3
Monday 18 th November	Year 2 – Healthy Mouth & Teeth talk
Wednesday 20 th November	Mass at St Mary's – 9.00 am – all families welcome
Friday 22 nd November	Parent Workshop - Maths – 9.00 am
Friday 22 nd November	'Bling' your Bike/scooter to school
Monday 25 th November	Parent Workshop - Spelling – 2.45 pm
Tuesday 26 th November	Nasal Flu Vaccination Day
Friday 29 th November	Parent Workshop - Spelling – 9.00 am
Friday 29 th November	PTA Cake Sale (cakes from Year 3 parents) – pick up time
Monday 2 nd December	School Nurse drop-in session – 8.45-9.15 am
Monday 2 nd December	Year 4 visit to 'Journey to the Stable' – United Church in Dorchester
Monday 2 nd December	Christmas Stories Evening at St Mary's (all children invited to listen to Christmas Stories & drink hot chocolate) – 5.00-7.00 pm (times to be confirmed)
Tuesday 3 rd December	Parent Workshop - Maths – 9.00 am
Wednesday 4 th December	Rudolph Run for Weldmar Hospice – information to follow
Wednesday 4 th December	Wessex FM recording Year 4
Friday 6 th December	The Book Bus is visiting St Mary's – opportunity for families to look at & buy books
Monday 16 th December	School Nativity Plays – details to be confirmed
Tuesday 17 th December	School Nativity Plays – details to be confirmed
Wednesday 18 th December	PTA running the Christmas Shop – details to be confirmed
Thursday 19 th December	School Christmas Party – during school hours – children to wear party clothes on this day
Thursday 19 th December	Carol Service – 6.00 pm at Holy Trinity Church – all families welcome
Friday 20 th December	Children finish for Christmas Holidays
Monday 6 th January 2020	Children return to School

Yours Sincerely

P. Fearn

Mrs Paula Fearn
Head Teacher