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Dear Parents

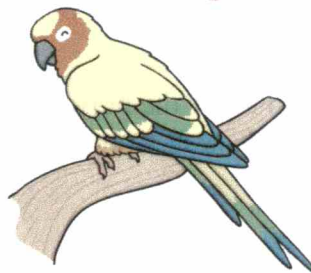
This week the children have been working hard at St Mary's and enjoying outdoor PE lessons. Our Reception class had their photo taken this morning by the Echo newspaper.

Next week on Wednesday 26th September we are having a tea and cake get together for our Reception class parents. This will be between 5.00 and 6.00 pm. We look forward to seeing as many of our Reception parents as possible.

Characteristic of learning

This week we have introduced our third character, the 'Persevering Parrot', whose approach to learning is 'I keep trying'.

Persevering Parrot



I keep trying.

Free Author Talk

There is a free Author talk at Dorchester Library on Saturday 20th October at 11.00 am which you may be interested in.

Join local award-winning author and illustrator Tim Warnes, as he brings his lovable characters Mole and the Lumpy-Bumpy Thing to life. Enjoy stories, live drawing and information. For children aged 5-8 years.

South West Celebrate Weekend

A joyful and faith-filled event for all the family, 13th-14th October at Notre Dame School, Looseleigh Lane, Plymouth PL6 5HN. If you are interested, please find more details at www.celebrateconference.org



Poster Competition – Dorset County Hospital

Dorset County Hospital are encouraging staff and visitors to recycle waste. A number of schools in Dorchester including St Mary's have been asked by the hospital to take part in a poster competition. There are two levels of entry, Level 1 for Years 1 & 2 and Level 2 for Years 3 & 4. If your child would like to enter, please see the following details.

For any entries, please ensure that all pictures are clearly identifiable with the name of the child along with details of their year, school name and level of entry for the competition. If you would like your picture returned after the competition please note this with your entry

The **closing date** for this competition is **Thursday 1st November**, just after the half term holiday; please bring any entries into the school office. The posters will be collected by the judges on Friday 2nd November so the 1st is the latest date for entries.

Outline of competition:

- Pictures on A4 sized white paper, blank, unlined, unsquared
- Pictures by the children are to be colourful, but in any form
- Encourage the children to use an image or theme that will fill the sheet of paper

The theme is to encourage the use of recycling and how the varying ages interpret this from what they have seen at home, at school, in a supermarket, in surrounding areas and through public information services. There is a prize for the winner of each level to have their picture created into a poster for use around Dorset County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust to help promote and encourage recycling of waste, with plans to promote locally.

School Prayers

We thought you would like to know the prayers that we say with the children during the school day and you might like to use these at home.

Morning Prayer:

Father in Heaven, you love me
You're with me night and day.
I want to love you always, in all I do and say.
I'll try to please you,
Father Bless me throughout the day. Amen

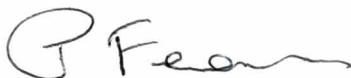
Before Lunch:

Bless us O Lord, as we sit together.
Bless the food that we eat today.
Bless the hands that made the food.
Bless us, O Lord.

At the end of the day:

God our Father, we come to say
Thank you for your love today.
Thank you for my family and all the friends you give to me.
Watch over me in the dark of night
And in the morning send your light. Amen

Yours Sincerely



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