



St Mary's Primary School

Newsletter 1

11th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a great first week back! I'd like to say a huge "well done!" to all our children for their exemplary attitudes to returning to school after an extended break – we've all been impressed by how well they have dealt with our new way of working and all the additional procedures we've asked them to undertake.

I'd also like to welcome the new children who've started at our school. New Reception children Joey, Ingrid, Abraham, Matilda, Eva, Maple and Rosie have all had a stellar first week in Pippin Class. We've also been joined by Albert, Jobey, Isla, Andre, Alexander and Jack. We're so pleased you've joined our school community and look forward to getting to know you all.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers for supporting all of our new procedures which were outlined in our "Return to School" guidelines - we are most appreciative of your support in helping everything run smoothly at each end of the school day. We do need to remind you of a couple of policy matters: we are a nut-free school, so please make sure that children do not bring any items containing nuts in their snacks or lunchboxes. Water bottles should only contain water – squash or juice should not be brought in water bottles which are used during lesson time. Thank you for your co-operation.

Orchard Class have been painting their own "Kindness Rocks" to encourage everybody to be kind to one another – they are going to be placed in the school's Quiet Garden.



Pippin Class have been drawing self-portraits, reading the book "Here We Are", writing about their world and during their PE sessions, practicing their running techniques!



PH Sports coaches will be running an after school sports club for Key Stage 2 children on Thursdays from 3.15 until 4pm. If you'd like your child to attend, please let the office know. These sessions are open to all KS2 children and are free of charge to parents. They will also be running lunchtime sports clubs for Key Stage One children.

Individual instrumental music lessons are available in school from Mrs Orr-Ewing and Mrs Hovil. If you are interested in booking instrumental lessons for your child, please contact the office who will put you directly in touch with the relevant teacher.

Today we have sent out family packs containing some important information. Please read, sign and return the enclosures, particularly the data sheets to ensure we have up-to-date contact details, as well as photo permission sheets for new families which we need before using children's images in newsletters, the local press, our website and social media. If your preferences for photo permissions have changed since you last completed this form, contact the office who will make sure your preferences are recorded.

Parents of Year 6 children will also receive a letter from Dorset Council regarding applications for secondary school, as the deadline for September 2021 applications is fast approaching.

Finally, please remember that we are here to support you with any issues which arise. If you need to speak to any member of staff, please contact the office by phone or email so that we can put you in touch with the appropriate person. Please support us to support you by ensuring you follow the most recent government guidelines to ensure school is as safe as we can possibly make it in the current circumstances.

Take care and stay safe,

Miss Smith