



# St Mary's Primary School

Newsletter 20

7<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Monday, 6 Year 3 and 4 children took part in the Acorn MAT Catchball tournament at Chardstock. It was great to see their enthusiasm and support of each other with Evie G and Helena receiving a special mention from the organisers, who spotted their determination and impressive team spirit. This tournament brings PE competition participation in Key Stage 2 to 94% and across the whole school (Reception to Year 6) participation is at 78%. Thank you to parents for their support with transportation to these events. We look forward to upcoming Tag Rugby events next half term. Do remember to try and attend Team Thorncombe each week on Thursdays to prepare for upcoming tournaments.



## Impressive Learning

In art this term, children in Key Stage Two have been focusing on drawing skills. So far we have experimented with different grades of pencil and explored drawing techniques. This week, we focused on drawing techniques used by the artist Leonardo Da Vinci. Children enjoyed using his techniques to draw horses- an animal that often featured in his drawings. We were hugely impressed with the quality of work produced and will continue to use these skills as we work towards our final art outcome next week.



Pippin class had their first ICT session with Mr Harris this week, where they worked on their mouse skills, using them to make funny faces and houses on laptops. All the children really enjoyed this and are looking forward to next week's session! They're also very much looking forward to our class trip to Charmouth on Monday – a letter was sent to Pippin parents yesterday with final details for the trip. We hope to be able to show you our fossil finds next week!

## After School Club

We've had a great week at After School Club – doing some weather wizard monitoring at Get Busy, making paper flowers and butterflies at Arts and Crafts club, cooking some scrummy spaghetti Bolognese at Cooking Club (thank you to the Gregory family for donating some lovely local free-range Aberdeen Angus steak mince) – it smelled and tasted so good that Miss Smith took some home for her supper! Q&A sessions have now finished, but we will send out an updated activities schedule next week which will take us up to Easter.

Thank you! – Mrs Aspinall and Mrs Diamond



Polite Request

Could we please request that parents wait outside the reception doors until 4.15pm when picking up from a sports club. Club leaders will then assemble the children as a group in the hall and release them to parents promptly once everybody is ready.

Children attending After School Club should be collected promptly at the time you have booked their session to finish (either 4.30 or 5.00) so that club leaders are able to focus on supervising children. We appreciate your assistance with these matters in order to effectively safeguard your children.

Important Dates

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Pippin Class trip to Charmouth Heritage Centre
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	8.40am PFA Meeting
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day- Assembly
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	2-4pm RI Maths Masterclass at Thorncombe St Marys
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half Term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Back to School
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	8am PFA Family Pancake Breakfast – All Welcome

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Kind Regards

Miss Smith