



St Mary's Primary School

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Our school has been an incredibly vibrant and positive place this week. As I write this now, our eager Year 6 children are making the most of the wonderful weather, participating in their Mini Marines Camp. Children have enjoyed opportunities to build fires, participate in team building games and develop the skills needed to be a successful marine including self-discipline, initiative and endurance.

The experience has been not only enjoyable but character building and I have seen many children grow in confidence as they spend time with children from other schools and try new things. It is great to see the children's ability to pull together and work so productively and positively as a team. The children have been caring and supportive of one another and all have fully embraced the experience, representing the school wonderfully. Huge thanks extend to Mr Owen who planned this memorable, ambitious and successful event for the children across the MAT.



As I look outside, our lively eco-club are busy picking gooseberries ready for this weekend's fete and tending to their thriving garden. I was thrilled to hear the news about the arrival of the tomatoes and strawberries which the children were equally impressed with.

Music Concert

Our thanks go to Mrs Orr-Ewing for organising such a powerful and uplifting music assembly on Wednesday. We enjoyed performances from soloists, the Ukulele and Strings group, Choir and the whole school, all of which were delivered with confidence. It is wonderful to have such a wide and varied range of musical talent within our small school and many opportunities to participate in rich musical experiences. The concert has inspired others, particularly our younger children to take part in September which is great to hear.



Uniform

A uniform reminder went out to all parents this week. Although we are approaching the end of term, it is important to us that children look smart as this helps to prepare them for learning. Please ensure you adhere to the Uniform Policy which we will send out again before the end of term as a reminder. If your child has outgrown school shoes, please do just let us know so we are aware. Thank you.

PFA School Fete

All is nearly ready for the fete and we look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible tomorrow, we hope to have an enjoyable and successful day!

Mystery at Magpie Manor

The children in KS2 are all very much looking forward to their end of term production which is taking place next week. The performances will take place on Friday 12th July at 2pm and 6pm. There will be an additional dress rehearsal performance at 2pm on Thursday 11th July at 2pm for parents with small children. We are happy for parents to decide which performance they wish to come to and a donation for the cost of the production can be made on the door upon arrival. We look forward to seeing you there.

Butterflies in Pippin Class

On Wednesday afternoon our enthusiastic year 2 children enjoyed their first transition afternoon in Orchard Class. Despite some early nerves, the children soon embraced the experience as they enjoyed class bingo. We then read a story called 'The Cautious Caterpillar.' This is a story of a caterpillar that is reluctant to develop into a butterfly until finally he built up the courage to build his chrysalis, eventually emerging as a wonderful and blissful butterfly. We used this to teach the children about how changes can be unnerving at the outset but can ultimately be positive. Amazingly, the children came into school on Thursday to find their class butterflies had hatched! The children were immediately reminded of 'The Cautious Caterpillar' and the messages contained within the story.



Important Dates

Saturday 6 th July	12-3pm PFA School Fete
Monday 8 th /Tuesday 9 th July	Beaminster School Y6 transition days
Thursday 11 th July	1.30pm Mystery at Magpie Manor –Dress Rehearsal
Friday 12 th July	1.30pm and 6pm Mystery at Magpie Manor Performances
Friday 12 th July	8pm Quiz in aid of the PFA – Thorncombe Sports and Social Club
Monday 15 th July	Sports Day 1.30-3pm to be followed by PFA refreshments
Wednesday 17 th -Friday 19 th July	Y 5 and 6 Cardiff Residential Trip
Tuesday 23 rd July	9am Leavers Celebration Assembly 1pm Year 6 Leavers Pool Party School breaks up 3pm
Monday 2 nd Sep/Tuesday 3 rd Sep	INSET days
Wednesday 4 th September	Children return to school

Wishing you all a lovely, sunny weekend
Kind Regards
Miss Smith