



St Mary's CE Primary Academy

Newsletter 27

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to you all as we begin the Summer Term here at St Mary's. We have been blessed with lovely weather this week and the children have thoroughly enjoyed making the most of it. As ever, the children have returned with enthusiasm and energy and their attitudes towards their learning have been admirable. We hope everyone has enjoyed their first week back and that the beautiful weather stays with us.

Next week in school, children are looking forward to nominating new members for the School Council, Eco Council and our new role 'Active Ambassadors'. We have already started working on some priorities identified by the children.

Class News

Orchard Class have made fat balls for the local bird population as Helena had noticed that our bird tables needed re-stocking! Thank you to Dylan's grandparents for donating the bird seed – we look forward to seeing lots of visitors to the bird tables soon.



Next week, Orchard Class are looking forward to beginning weekly Ukulele instrumental tuition sessions with the Dorset Music Service. We will keep you informed on their progress!

Pippin Class have kickstarted their 'Let's Get Growing' topic by planting beans and cress to grow over the summer term. The children have thought of their own questions that they would like to find out the answers to when the beans have grown. We also have a new Garden Centre, which the children have been enjoying very much.



Our current English story is Goldilocks and The Three Bears. Reception have been busy making porridge, chairs and beds for each of the bears and acting out the story as a group. Years 1 and 2 have created their own story maps this week. There is a class story map coming home today, please ask your child to re-tell the story to you as much as possible over the next few weeks. This will build vocabulary, but also help when it comes to writing their own versions later on.

Please can parents, especially in Reception, make sure that they are reading with their child and **recording this in their reading record.**

Homework

Please could completed homework be submitted via Google Classroom if possible rather than bringing hard copies into school. This helps to minimise items being brought into school and allows teachers to access and give feedback directly. If you are unable to access your child's Google Classroom, homework can be emailed to the office. Thank you!

After School Club

We are delighted to announce that After School Club are able to offer activity-based sessions again.

Mondays – Arts and Crafts

Tuesdays – Cooking Club

Wednesdays – Photography Club

PH Sports continue to offer an after-school sports session to Key Stage 2 session on Wednesdays and Key Stage One on Thursdays.

If you would like to book your child in for any of these after-school activities, please contact the office.

Year 6 hoodies

We would like to send a huge thank you to the PFA for organising and funding commemorative hoodies for the Year 6 children, which they were presented with today. They are all aware when they are able to wear their hoodies in school and we will keep them informed of any changes to this.



Golden Apples

Congratulations to Andre, Millie, Matilda and Ted who were all awarded Golden Apples this week.



Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Miss Smith

Head of School