



St Mary's News

C.E. Middle School, Puddletown



Autumn 2023 - Justice

17th November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after what I hope was a lovely half-term. It is hard to believe that we are now in the run-up to Christmas. It will not be long before we start our tutor group Christmas tree decorating and listen to the Christmas carol competition.

Last half term, the Year 7's started their biology unit of work in science. They developed their understanding of microscopes and used these skills to observe different cells within their lessons. They were set the task of creating their own cell as a project-based homework. The creativity, effort, and time put into these projects have been amazing. I know all the science teachers were extremely pleased with the quality of the work produced.

This week, Year 7 took part in a history lecture led by local historian Chris Copston. The focus is on the Roman invasion of Britain and students will be able to interact with authentic and accurate replicas of Roman artefacts including weaponry and armour. This interactive demonstration compliments the Year 7 Roman Empire scheme of work this term. The highly engaging presentation will finish with a question and answer session. Look out for the photos on facebook.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Osborne
Head of Year 7



The pupils who have done exceptionally well...

Year 5

Jaxson W—5MO

Year 6

Charlotte C—6WG

Skylar Y—6ST

Year 7

Jessica S 7MO

Year 8

Emily C—8BH



The **Scholastic Book Fair** will be in the school library from Tuesday 21st to Monday 27th November. Pupils will have the opportunity to take a look and purchase books. (Order forms will go home with pupils).



Join our Parents' Focus Group!

Would you like to be more involved with the school and with your child's learning? Come along to our next meeting - Tuesday 5th December, 6-7pm.

Further details to follow.



Respect, Acceptance, Forgiveness, Justice, Uniqueness, Equality, Honesty, Kindness



Tuesday 21st November
6:00 – 8:00pm

We invite all parents of Year 4 children to join us for our school Open Evening on Tuesday 21 November, 6:00pm – 8:00pm. You will have the opportunity to meet the staff, tour the site and find out what it's like to be part of our wonderful school. We are also offering opportunities to see our school in action on the mornings of either Wednesday 22 November or Thursday 23 November, 9:30am – 11:00am. These open mornings will include a tour of the school and the chance to meet some of the staff.



Wednesday 22nd November
9:30 – 11:00am



Thursday 23rd November
9:30 – 11:00am

Parents of Year 4 children – come and see our wonderful school in action! We are offering two Open Mornings on either Wednesday 22 November or Thursday 23 November, 9:30am – 11:00am. These open mornings will include a tour of the school and the chance to meet some of the staff.



Date for your diary...

Virtual Parents Evening (Subjects) will be taking place on Thursday 30th November, 4pm to 7pm. A letter with further details will follow.



*Well done St Mary's, you raised **£197.37** for The Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, thank you for your support!*



As a reading school, we are focusing on both the enjoyment and the 'nuts and bolts' of reading, which means regular practice.

With this in mind, we are reinstating weekly reading records for all pupils across our school. These are found in the Home Learning Journals. Each child should be reading to an adult or older sibling at least three times a week, and having their homework diary completed and signed. Please see the 'Reading Matters' newsletter for more details that was sent earlier this week and available on the school website.

<https://www.stmaryscemiddleschool.co.uk/page/?title=English&pid=139>

Mrs. Monro - Head of English



It seems that there are many pupils forgetting water bottles, we do encourage all pupils to please remember it!



Please see below the expected PE kit required for the rest of this term and going forward.



PE Kit Notice

Below are examples of accepted over layers should pupils feel they need to.

From Monday 20th November – Friday 16th December

ALL PUPILS - Health Related Fitness
Blue PE t-shirt
Blue shorts/skirt/leggings with shorts/tracksuit bottoms
White socks
Trainers

From Tuesday 2nd January - Friday 19th January

BOYS - Hockey

Blue PE t-shirt
Blue PE shorts
Long blue socks
Trainers
Safety kit
Gumshield
Shin Pads

GIRLS - Gymnastics

Blue PE t-shirt
Blue shorts/skirt/leggings with shorts/tracksuit bottoms
White socks - These will be removed before the lesson starts

From Monday 22nd January - Thursday 8th February

BOYS - Gymnastics

Blue PE t-shirt
Blue shorts
White socks - These will be removed before the lesson starts

GIRLS - Hockey

Blue PE t-shirt
Blue shorts/skirt/leggings with shorts/tracksuit bottoms
Long blue socks
Trainers
Safety kit
Gumshield
Shin Pads

P.E KIT



EXAMPLE

ALL OF THE ABOVE CAN BE USED AS AN ADDITIONAL LAYER. NON SCHOOL ITEMS MUST BE PLAIN BLACK OR BLUE. WE POLITELY REQUEST NO HOODIES.

Children in Need 2023



BIG thank you for your wonderful donations St Mary's!



This week the pupils in Years 7&8 received their "Bookbuzz" book. Our school took part in BookTrust's Bookbuzz programme. This could not have been done without the financial contribution from the School Association, who generously donated half the cost –Thank You! Bookbuzz is run by BookTrust, the UK's largest children's reading charity that transforms lives by getting children and families reading. Each year BookTrust reaches 3.9 million children across the UK with books, resources and support to help deliver a love of reading - something that all the staff at St Marys believes passionately in! Your child chose their own book to keep from one of the sixteen Bookbuzz titles, discovering what gets them turning the page at school and at home.

We hope that Bookbuzz will encourage your child to read more frequently, which will help improve their wellbeing, spark interesting conversations and inspire creativity. You can also get involved at home! Get talking! The easiest way to get involved is to talk to your child about books and reading. Their Bookbuzz book is a great place to start. What do they enjoy about their book? Who is their favourite character? Talking about books together can help show the value of reading and encourage your child to form and share their opinions on what they like to read. The adventure continues when your child finishes their Bookbuzz book! No matter what their interests, there are thousands of fantastic books out there to discover. To find their next read you can encourage them to ask a librarian, visit a local book shop, ask their teachers and get recommendations from their friends!



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Christmas
MARKET

9TH DEC Lots of Exciting Stalls,
Games, Raffles available
Let's have fun! **10 - 2 PM**

School Association St Mary's Middle
School, Puddletown, DT2 8SA

The School Association are holding a Christmas Market on Saturday 9th December between 10am - 2pm at school. We have a really lovely selection of stall holders; everything from handmade goods, paintings, jewellery, christmas wreaths, wall art and macrame to name just a few. We will also be serving tea, coffee and mulled wine, delicious cakes and of course delicious mince pies so please pop the date in your diary and come along to show your support. Entry is free.

There will also be an opportunity to purchase tickets for our Christmas raffle - information on our prizes will be coming home soon but we have been extremely lucky this year and we are excited to announce our first prize will be a Nintendo Switch!

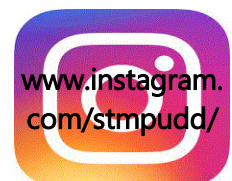
Every penny from our ticket sales and monies made at the Christmas Market will be going back into the pot to help enrich our children's stay at St Mary's, so please dig deep and show your support. As per usual, tickets will be sent home with your child in the next week or so and there will be more available from the school office.

Many thanks for all of your support so far this year—SA Committee



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