

Newsletter

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St. Mary's Catholic
Primary School

Thursday 17th October

Dear Parents/Carers,

The whole school got excited about science when Fizz Pop came to visit. The Science Friction Workshop for children and parents got everyone excited as giant gloves, alien antenna and a space board showed how friction really worked. Volunteers eagerly spun round to show how a larger surface area gave more friction and cheered as a giant hair drier managed to move the space board across the hall as the air removed the friction which had stopped Stethoscope, our expert scientist, from pulling it across the floor. Children from Key Stage 1 and 2 now have the opportunity to do more hands on science with Fizz Pop in an after school club which begins in November. Please see the school office for more details.

Four children attended the Bronze Ambassador Workshop training at St Mary's in Shaftesbury this month. This was to learn more about being a leader and promoting sporting school. They participated in numerous activities and developed a plan to implement sporting ideas which we look forward to seeing next term.

Some of our Key Stage Two children also represented the school in a match against Stower Provost. This was a great experience with the team improving their skills and understanding of the game. They had great fun and are looking forward to the tournament.

As we move towards the end of our first half term of the year, we will be encouraging all children from year one up to take responsibility for their own things and come into school alone. Please can you help us by asking your child to carry their lunchbox, bookbag etc and leave them in the playground until the bell goes. If you need to see a teacher, you are more than welcome to pop in once your child is in the playground.

We are looking forward to the fireworks on Tuesday 5th November. At present we have 8 parent and 6 staff volunteers. This is a huge fundraiser that will benefit all of the children in our school. If you can help in any way, please see Mel in the office.

Best wishes,

Charlotte Targett

Headteacher

Catholic Life of School	Parent consultations
<p>We are looking forward to our Harvest Celebration at 2:30pm on Thursday 24th October. Thank you for the donations for the Gillingham Foodbank that have already been sent in. this year, they are particularly looking for items in the list below. Any donations will be gratefully received.</p> <p>SPONGE PUDDINGS CHOCOLATE AND MUESLI BARS INSTANT POTATO MASH UHT MILK (LONG LIFE)</p>	<p>The first parent consultation evenings of the year will be on Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th of November. Lists to book an appointment will be available in the main foyer from 3pm on Tuesday 5th November. If you don't manage to get into school to book an appointment, please call the school office to select a time. The children always enjoy sharing the work they have done and there is definitely lots to celebrate this term! If you would like an appointment with Mrs Targett or Mrs Northcott (SENCO) these can also be booked at the school office. There will be no clubs running during this week.</p>

Dates for Autumn Term 2019

Tuesday 24th Oct - Harvest Celebration 2:30pm

Friday 25th Oct - Break up for Half Term

Monday 28th Oct to Friday 1st Nov - HALF TERM

Monday 4th Nov - INSET day

Tuesday 12th Nov - Parent Consultation Meetings

Wednesday 13th Nov - Parent Consultation Meetings

Friday 29th November - Non-school uniform day

Friday 6th December - Christmas Fair

Wednesday 18th Dec - Christmas Performance 2pm

Thursday 19th Dec - Christmas Performance 6pm

Friday 20th Dec - Break up for Christmas