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St Mary's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

Friday 13th October 2023

Safeguarding: Collection time

Could we please ask that parents wait on the playground, and we will send your children out to you. Please do not stand at the entrance to your child's class as it makes it difficult to locate parents for both staff and children. Thank you

Breakfast Club

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club, they must be at school by 8.15am. Thank you



St. Mary's Book Swap

The children in school council would like to invite you to take part in our first-

'Big Book Swap'

Please sort through your bookshelves, under the bed, in the cupboards for any books your child has grown out of.

Bring the books to school and we will redistribute them to new homes with children who can enjoy them as your child has.

Thank you in advance for your help.

Please send books into school by

Friday 20th October.

PODS: Challenges at Home sessions

Parents Opening Doors, with support from the Principal Educational Psychologist Team, are holding **Challenges at Home** sessions, aimed at family members who have a child or young person (aged 0-18) who are undergoing, on the pathway to or waiting for assessment for Autism.

The sessions are for families to discuss home and life concerns – emotions, behaviour, social, anxieties, routines etc.

Daytime sessions:

18 October 2023, 23 November 2023, 14 December 2023

9.30-11.30am

PODS Hub, Central Park

[Book a session](#)

Evening sessions:

18 October 2023, 23 November 2023, 14 December 2023

6-7.30pm

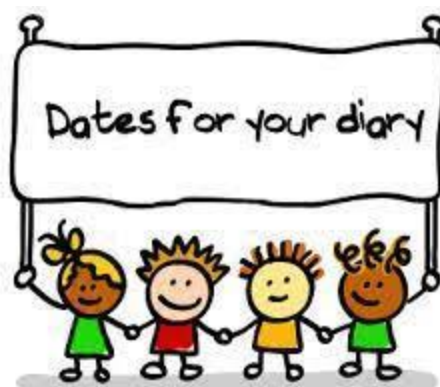
Microsoft Teams (online)

[Book a session](#)

For more details, or ongoing dates into 2024, please [download the flyer](#). You can also contact Jayne Stevens on 0777 534 2092 or by emailing jayne@podstelford.org.

Harvest Festival

Alongside being thankful for the Harvest, we will also be exploring the issue of global, national and local poverty in school. Linked to this will be a focus on the work of our local foodbank to help alleviate the struggles that some families face in our community. We will be celebrating Harvest on Tuesday. We will be taking donations of food to the local food bank. We would really appreciate any donations of dried food (tins or packets) that you can make. If you would like to contribute, please send any donations into school with your child on Monday or Tuesday morning.



Date	Activity	Notes
17.10.23	Harvest Festival	Please donate non-perishables for the local foodbank.

20.10.23	Wear It Pink	All children to wear pink or something they feel special in. £1.00 contributions please.
26.10.23	St Mary's Day	More information to follow
27.10.23	Children Break Up for Half Term	
6.11.23	Test my Best Day	Children of all ages can enter our termly competition by entering a craft, some baking, or some art. There are great first, second and third prizes and certificates for all. This term's title for all crafts is 'Remembrance'.
10.11.23	Remembrance Day	Poppies and snap bands will be on sale prior to the day.
10.11.23	Flu Vaccine Rec to Year 6	More information to follow
13.11.23	Anti-Bullying Week starts Odd socks day	Children to wear odd socks
16.11.23	Year 4 Trip Grosvenor Museum	More information to follow
20.11.23	Year 6 Cosford Trip	More information to follow
01.12.23	Advent Activity Day- Darkness to Light	More information to follow
05.12.23	KS1 Christmas Performances	More information to follow
07.12.23	KS2 Christmas Performances	More information to follow
14.12.23	Christmas Dinner	
20.12.23	Year 6 – Height and Weight	
21.12.23	Children break-up for Christmas	
22.12.23	PD Day	
08.01.23	PD Day	
09.01.23	Children return to school	