



ST MARY'S CE VC FIRST SCHOOL WEST MOORS



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Bible Thought

"The LORD is my light and my salvation- whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life- of whom shall I be afraid?"

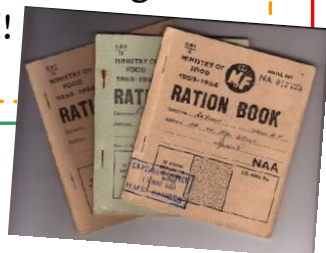
Psalm 27:1

Well done to Rhinos and Tigers classes for their fantastic models of WWII Anderson Shelters!

We had a great turn out of parents and family members coming to see our collection displayed in the hall.



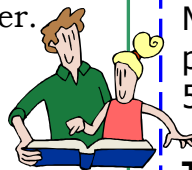
Children have been working hard on information books about WWII which they will be showing off on Friday's assembly. As part of their studies about Rationing, the classes also sampled Carrot Fudge – which went down very well!



Please remember that if your child is unwell with sickness and/or diarrhoea they should not come back to school for 24 hours after the last time they were ill. This is to prevent spread of illnesses across the school as far as possible. If your doctor advises your child has an illness or condition that is contagious such as Conjunctivitis the same applies, your doctor can advise further.

Medication in School

If your child requires any medication during the school day, please fill in a Medication Consent form at the school office with all relevant details. The medication must be clearly marked with the child's name, class and instructions.



Congratulations to Mrs Joanne Carroll who will take over from Mr Poole as Acting Deputy Headteacher in January 2012.

We have also appointed a new early years class teacher, Mrs Kate Kiff, who will take over Reception class after Christmas. Mrs Kiff will be available to meet parents soon and will begin to work with the class shortly.

Mrs Latham will be returning from maternity leave after Christmas and will be sharing the teaching of year 1 with new class teacher Miss Laura Marshall who will also be meeting parents and working with the class soon.



Samba Parade

Year 2 have been learning about South America and have been making Samba masks, jewellery and instruments this week. After learning some Samba beats, year 2 paraded around the playground in their outfits, playing Samba rhythms!



Social Networking

Parents and pupils are reminded that it is the school's policy that members of staff should not be in contact with parents, pupils or ex-pupils of the school under the age of 18.

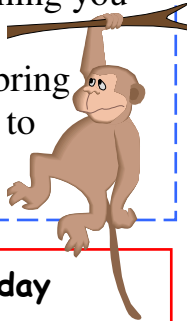
Please do not attempt to contact staff members through sites such as Facebook.

Don't forget that about the Parent Consultation evenings next week (w/c 7th November).

Mrs. Williams will also be available to see parents for a SEN drop-in from 3.05pm – 5.00pm on Tuesday 8th November.

There will be no after-school clubs run by school staff next week due to parent consultations. Externally run clubs – Dodgeball, Cheerleading, Football and Music lessons will run as usual.

Monkey World in Wareham is in desperate need of old duvets, sheets, blankets and towels to keep our monkey and ape cousins warm this winter. If you have anything you would like to donate, Kim in year 4 will be collecting them – please bring into school for Kim’s mum to take to Monkey World.



Industrial Action

As you may have seen in the media, **Weds 30th November** has been proposed as a day of Industrial Action for many unions including the NUT, NAHT and Unison. If the strike goes ahead, the school will be closed for the day.

We will provide further details as soon as possible if this strike and subsequent school closure will be going ahead.

Children In Need - Non-uniform day

On Friday 18th November children are asked to wear their own clothes and bring £1 to raise money for Children In Need. This year’s theme is 'show your spots and raise lots' so we are encouraging staff and children to wear spotty clothes!



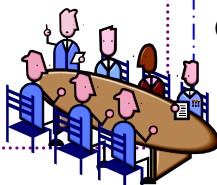
New* - Parent Forum

St. Mary’s is setting up a new Parent Forum. We would like your feed back about areas of school life like homework, reading and e-communication. We are looking for 15 parents or carers to come to one of our consultation session run by Mrs Ross and Mrs Downing.

If you are interested please speak to Mrs Downing in the school office.

Wednesday 16th November – 7.00pm

Thursday 17th November – 9.15am



School Photos

Don’t forget that the children’s school photos will be taken on Thursday 3rd November. If you would like your child to be photographed with a younger sibling who does not attend St. Mary’s please bring your children to the school hall at **8.30am**.

Siblings within the school will be photographed within school time.

Don’t Forget - class assemblies will take place on the dates shown below:

Tigers (Y3) Fri 4th Nov – **9.15am**

Rhinos (Y4) Fri 11th Nov – **9.15am**

Ocelots (Y1) Fri 18th Nov – **9.15am**

Orangutans (Y2) Fri 25th Nov – **9.15am**

Please join us!

Events for your diary

DATE	EVENT
Thurs 3rd November	School Photographs
Fri 4 th November	PTA Cinema Night - 5.30pm (Tickets £2)
Tues 8 th November	9.30am Parent Support Meeting - Hall
Tues 8 th November	4.00pm - 6.30pm Parent Consultations
Weds 9 th November	3.30pm - 6.00pm Parent Consultations
Weds 16 th November	7.00pm Parent Forum
Thur 17 th November	9.15am Parent Forum
Friday 18 th November	Children In Need - Spotty non-uniform day (£1)
Weds 30th November	Possible Industrial Action day (TBC)

Mrs Downing has recently updated the Merlin section of our website. Check it out for upcoming events.