



ST MARY'S CE VC FIRST SCHOOL WEST MOORS



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Bible Thought

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

Matthew 18:21-25

Class assemblies

Now all the children are settled into their new classes we would like to invite you into school to share our learning.

Class assemblies will take place on the dates shown below:

Lemurs (YR) Fri 14th Oct – 10.15am
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!



St. Mary's Art Week

Children will come straight back from Half Term into Multicultural Art week, the theme will be Central and South America. The children will have the opportunity to see real artefacts and be inspired by the colours, patterns and textures of this region and culture.

If you have any artefacts or photos from your own visits to this region please send these in with your child to share with their class!

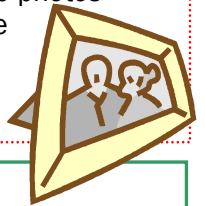


School Photographs

Children's photographs will be taken on Thursday 3rd November. This year, they will be taken by Tempest Photos. Make sure your child is looking their best!

As usual, we will also have sibling photos and there will be opportunities for Pre School children to come to St. Mary's with their parents to have photos taken with older brothers and sisters if you wish.

As well as sibling photos, we will have two photos taken per child, one formal and one more fun so that parents have a choice of photographs!



Changes of Information

If you have changed your address or contact details over the holidays don't forget to let the school office know so we can update our records.

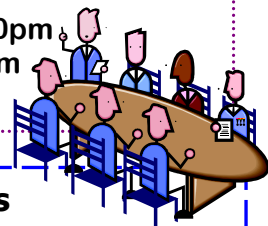
New* - Parent Forum

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 18th November – 7.00pm

Thursday 17th November – 9.15am



Parent Consultation Evenings

These are planned to take place on:

Tuesday 8th November 4.00pm – 6.30pm and

Wednesday 9th November 3.30pm – 6.00pm.

Sheets will be put up in classrooms for all parents to sign up to see their child's teacher. This is an opportunity to hear about how your child is learning at school and how you can support them at home.

On-Line Payments

We are investigating the possibility of introducing online payments for school visits, music lessons, meals etc. This would mean that you order and pay for these products over a secure site and not at the school office.

Many schools have started using a service such as this and it seems to work well. We would welcome your comments and feedback on this and would only go ahead if we thought it was viable.

This topic will also be discussed at the Parent Forum (see previous page).



Parent Support Meetings

Following on from the success of last year, we will be starting our parent support meetings on Tuesday 8th November in the hall at 9.30am.

Please come along for a tea or coffee and chat with other parents. Mrs Williams will be on hand to offer advice or signpost other agencies who can help.

We will be running these throughout the year and will be arranging future dates shortly.

Welcome!

We would like to welcome a new member of staff to our teaching team.

Helen Robbins is our SCITT Trainee this year and will be gaining lots of experience before qualifying as a teacher in July. She is based in Mrs Carroll's class this term and then again in the summer term.

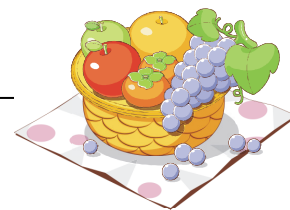
Emma Lomax and Amanda Harris are our newly appointed Dining Room supervisory assistants. They will be looking after the children over lunchtimes.

We would like to give them all a warm welcome and look forward to working with them.

Healthy Schools

We are very proud of our healthy school status and encourage the children to have healthy lunchboxes. Unfortunately there have been a few instances where children have been given sweets or sugary drinks in their lunchboxes.

We would like your co-operation in providing your children with healthy lunchboxes, or alternatively taking up our Hot School Meals at £2.20 per day which are specially made to meet healthy meal standards. Should you wish to see a menu or make an order then please contact the school office.



Events for your diary

DATE	EVENT
13th & 20th October 3.30pm	Gifted and Talented Arts after school - West Moors Middle School
14th October - 9.15am	Reception Class open assembly - school hall
19th October (from 1pm)	Open Afternoon - St. Mary's Pre school and St. Mary's First School
21st October	Teacher Training - School closed for Children
24th - 28th October	Half Term
31st - 4th November	Arts Week
3rd November	School Photographs

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

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