



# ST MARY'S CE VC FIRST SCHOOL WEST MOORS



## Autumn Newsletter No 1

6<sup>th</sup> September

### From the Bible; New Beginnings

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Jeremiah 29:11



### Meet the Teachers

We'd like to invite parents to a welcome meeting next week to meet your child's class teacher and to hear about some of the routines, activities and events they have planned for this year. These will take place in your child's own classroom as follows:

Ocelots (year 1) with Mrs Thomas on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September - 3.00pm – 3.25pm

Rhinos (year 4) with Mr Smith on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September - 3.00pm – 3.25pm

Orangutans (year 2) with Mrs Carroll on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September - 3.00pm – 3.25pm

Tigers (year 3) with Mrs Paterson on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September - 3.00pm – 3.25pm

Staff will supervise children in the playground during the meetings. A curriculum letter will be sent home following on from the 'Welcome Meetings'.

Do please check that your child's name is written in **everything** that comes to school including PE kit & shoes. We'd like to reduce the size of the almost inevitable pile of lost property that increases as the year progresses.



### Playground Gate & Late Arrivals

Please remember that the main gate to the playground will be locked at 9.00am. Any children arriving after that time should be accompanied into school through the office entrance where you will need to sign them in.

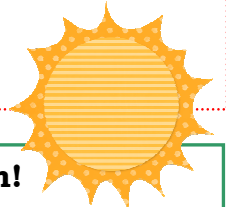
Also, if you are taking your child for a medical appointment during the day, please advise the office in advance then talk to Gemma on arrival who will collect them from the classroom for you.

### Welcome!

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you all had a peaceful and enjoyable holiday. We'd especially like to welcome our new Reception class and all the children who are joining our school for the first time.

We also have two new members of staff this term; Mr Jon Smith, Rhinos class teacher and Mrs Susan Newport, teaching assistant and lunchtime supervisor. Welcome to the staff team!

Jeremy Harrison



### Huge Summer Fete Triumph!

The Summer Fete was a massive success raising in excess of £1000 for the school.

Everyone attending had a great time and enjoyed the sideshows and the friendly family atmosphere.

We'd all like to thank all the members of the PTA and other friends of the school who helped. We're especially grateful to Cheryl, Natalie, Meris and Rachelle, the movers and shakers behind the operation! Check out the photos in the Parish Magazine.

Well done everyone!



### New Class Names

We've changed the names of our classes to reflect the new learning that will take place this year. For 2011/12 our classes will be called:

Year R	Lemurs
Year 1	Ocelots
Year 2	Orangutans
Year 3	Tigers
Year 4	Rhinos

## Whole School Trip To Marwell Zoo

To learn more about our new class animals we have arranged a whole school visit to Marwell Zoo on the 23rd September. Each class will be doing a sponsored spell to raise money for the visit. Look out for a letter with more details later this week.



## Parking

We have had a number of complaints about parents parking over resident's driveways in The Avenue and Station Road, as well as over bus stops. Please ensure that when you park to drop off or collect your children, you are not obstructing access to private properties or bus stops.

Parents are reminded that suitable parking is available for a small fee opposite the school in the memorial hall.



## Parking in the Memorial Hall

We are grateful to the memorial hall for allowing us to continue to use their parking facilities.



The Hall receives no direct funding from Dorset County Council or St. Mary's School.

The Hall Council and School Governors consider it reasonable to levy an annual charge of £10 per family using the car park, and kindly request you to make this payment by one of the following methods.

- You can pay at the school office.
- Send a cheque, or make payment to the Treasurer -Mr Jim Hounslow at 4 Firs Glen Road West Moors BH22 0ED
- Pay the hall representative in the hall car park.

In return you will be issued with a car park sticker and your car number plate will be recorded to avoid the need to remind you again.

You can record up to two cars per family for the same fee and there is no charge for vehicles displaying a disabled badge.

At less than 3p session we feel this is indeed very cheap parking and we thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

## Forthcoming Events for your diary

DATE	EVENT
Sat 17th - Sun 18th September	Dad's Camp
Mon 19th September	Reception children begin full days (pick up at 3.00pm)
Tues 20th September	9.15am - PTA Coffee morning - Reception Parents
Wed 21th September	Reception Parents - Introduction to Phonics evening - 7.00pm at school
Fri 23th September	Children to visit Marwell Zoo
Mon 26th - Fri 30th September	Healthy Week (details to follow!)
Mon 3rd October	6.30pm PTA AGM

Don't forget to check out our school website at:  
[www.stmaryswestmoors.dorset.sch.uk](http://www.stmaryswestmoors.dorset.sch.uk)