

Friday 13th October  
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Things to remember:

- Year 2 author visit Wednesday 18th October
- Year 3 tank museum visit Thursday 19th October
- Harvest Festival - contributions are welcomed all week

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are nearly there! We have a lot of tired children (and staff) who are looking forward to the October half term holidays, but before then we have lots to achieve in our final week of school as it is a busy one with various trips, food tasting, learning about different cultures and Harvest Festival!

## 'Glimmers'

I am always finding ways to have a positive impact on my own and my children's mental health. Since the beginning of September we have started to think about the 'glimmers' in our day rather than the 'triggers'. Glimmers are small moments that spark joy or peace, which can help cue our nervous system to feel safe or calm. Each night over dinner we discuss our glimmers. One glimmer I had over the weekend was seeing the vast amount of adults who came to school on Saturday for 'operation tidy up'. It was a fantastic day and so much was achieved. Thank you to everyone that came. You were very much a glimmer for my weekend!



### Individual school photos



The school photographer will be visiting our school to take individual photographs of children on Tuesday 14th November. There will be family photo appointments available in the evening between 3.30-5.30 - more details will follow nearer the time for booking.

### Dogs on the playground

Whilst I appreciate that we all have busy lives and walking dogs whilst on the school run can tick 2 jobs off at once, I would be grateful if you could leave your dogs at the entrance of the school when entering the school playground. Dogs should not be brought onto the playground / grassed areas of the school (even if they are being carried) as they are a health and safety risk to our children. This was identified as an action from our Health and Safety Audit that was conducted by the Local Authority last week. Thank you for your support.



### Christmas Market

St Mary's Middle School is hosting a Christmas Market on Saturday 9th December 10am-2pm. There will be lots of exciting stalls, games and raffles to get us ready for the Christmas festivities. If you have a crafting hobby/business and would like a table at the market then please email [schoolassociation@stmaryscemiddle.uk](mailto:schoolassociation@stmaryscemiddle.uk). Please find a attached poster for further details of the event.

### Attendance Matters

Our whole school attendance last week was : 96.20%

Whole school year to date - 97.05%

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### Reading Rocks at Broadmayne!

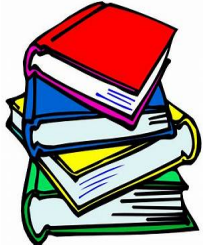
#### Ready Set Read!



I was delighted to receive a huge envelope in the post on Monday from Dorset Libraries. In it was a stack of reading certificates! We had 48

children complete the reading challenge, which is amazing. All children will be presented with their certificates during story book assembly next week. Well done to everyone who completed the challenge. We are all very proud of you.

### Read to a relative or friend



It was lovely to see so many relatives and friends come to share a story with the children today and promote the love of reading. Today's reading can be added to your child's reading record. It is expected that all children will read at home at least 5 times a week for a minimum of 5 minutes. Any reading can be recorded in your child's reading record; all reading is important and valued!



### Broadmayne Buddies

Thank you to all of the children who have sent me letters and drawings explaining why they would like to be a Broadmayne Buddy. I have enjoyed reading all of them. Our first job after the holidays will be sorting out the library books ready for the library renovation as well as litter picking. A huge thank you to FAB's who have brought new litter pickers and gloves to help us with our quest to keep our environment tidy. There is still time for you to let me know that you would like to be a buddy so please let me know by the end of next week.



## Reception Class Photograph

# DorsetECHO

On Monday the children in Reception got a visit from the Dorset Echo who took a picture for the 'First Class Photos' section of the paper. The photograph will be published in the Dorset Echo during half term, so please keep a lookout. We cannot wait to see the end result.

### Positive Playtimes and lunchtimes



We are working hard to improve the behaviour at playtimes and lunchtimes. After half term we will be introducing 'Playground Pals'. Our pals will set up activities and support play during playtime and lunchtimes. This will be coordinated by Mrs Howells and Mrs Brake with the assistance of the Year 4 children. In addition to this, Mr Gibbs will be providing multi-skills activities on a Tuesday and Thursday to support gross motor skills.

Football will continue but we have set up rules for the children to follow. If children do not follow the rules, it will result in them being asked not to play. Mrs Jordan-Gill will be out there as often as she can to referee the games. Football will only be on the astro turf and not on the main playground. The rules are as follows:

#### Football Charter:

1. Always play fairly
2. Listen to the referee (a referee must be chosen each day)
3. Stick to the rules of the game
4. Tackling is only allowed if the other player has the ball
5. Sliding tackles and unnecessary physical behaviour is not allowed (this includes pushing, barging and shirt pulling)
6. Always apologise if you make a mistake
7. Always use kind words
8. Everyone is allowed to play
9. Be a good sportsperson.



We have plenty of footballs in school and kindly ask that children do not bring their own footballs into school.





Our Golden moments this week



And finally.....

Thank you to our school Governors who continue to support us to achieve our 'flying high' aspirations.

Thank you to Mr Foyle who continues to keep our school safe by visiting every Friday to help Mrs Foyle test our fire alarms.

Thank you to our wonderful Teaching Assistants who cover breakfast and after school club. Without you we wouldn't be able to provide wrap-around care for our children.

Best wishes, Mrs Jordan-Gill

## Calendar Dates Autumn 2023

Date	Time	Event
OCTOBER		
Monday 16th October	3.30-5.30	Parent consultation Year 1 only
Monday 16th October		Food and Festivals Week.
Wednesday 18th October		Year 2 Literacy Festival Event
Thursday 19th October	5- 6.30	Year 3 visit to the tank museum Halloween Disco
Friday 20th October	3.15	Pre-school cake sale
NOVEMBER		
Friday 3rd November	3.15	Year 1 cake sale
Thursday 9th November		Artreach workshop for Year 3 Performance at village hall.
Friday 10th November	3.15	Year 1 cake sale
Tuesday 14th November		School photographer
Friday 17th November	3.15	Reception cake sale
Friday 24th November	3.15	Reception cake sale
DECEMBER		
Friday 1st December	5.30-7	Christmas Fayre
Friday 8th December	3.15	Year 4 cake sale
Friday 8th December		Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal
Monday 11th December	5.30	Christmas Performance
Tuesday 12th December	5.30	Christmas Performance
Friday 15th December		Christmas Party Day Year 2 cake sale