**Newsletter**

**23rd September 2016**

Dear parents, carers, staff and friends,

**News this week**

I hope you all had a chance to see the super video of the children singing in their Dublin colours last weekend on independent.ie. There is a link on our Twitter page @stmarysdorsetst if you missed it! Well done to everyone and thanks to Mr. Kerr for organising us all.

**Meet the Teacher**

Next week, we will be hosting ‘Meet the Teacher’ meetings in each class. It is a chance to find out how you can help your child at home and to ask any questions you might have. The timetable is as follows:

Junior Infants – Monday at 1.00 p.m.

Senior Infants – Monday at 9.00 a.m.

1st Class (Miss Dolan) – Thursday at 2.00 p.m.

1st/2nd Class (Miss Calvey) – Wednesday at 2pm

2nd Class (Miss Collins) – Wednesday at 2 p.m.

3rd Class – Tuesday at 9.00 a.m.

4th Class – Wednesday at 9.00 a.m.

5th Class – Thursday at 9.00 a.m.

6th Class – Tuesday at 2.00 p.m.

We look forward to seeing you then. Please let us know if the time doesn’t suit you and we will make every effort to ensure we share the information with you at another time.

**Photography Policy**

We recently updated our photography policy and we will share it with you at our ‘Meet the Teacher’ meetings next week. Please make sure you read it carefully and return a signed copy to us as soon as possible.

**Emergency Contacts and Educational Visits**

Thanks to all the families who have already returned an updated contact information sheet and have signed permission for their child to attend local visits. It is important that we hold this information for every child, so please return your signed forms as soon as possible.

**Secondary School Transfer**

Over the next few weeks, the secondary schools in the area will be hosting open day and open evenings for 6th Class children (or sometimes 4th and 5th Class children) to visit and have a look around. It is important that families go along and see the schools and ask any questions that you might have. The secondary schools may also pop into classes and talk to the children too. If you have any questions about applying for secondary school, please talk to your child’s class teacher or call in to see Sile, our Home School teacher.

**Dates for your diary**

4th October – 3rd and 4th Class to National Concert Hall for ‘Music in the Classroom’

12th-19th October – Book Fair

28th October – School closes for Mid-Term Holiday

7th November – School re-opens at 8.50 a.m.

**Attendance and punctuality**

Another great week of attendance. Well done to Ms. O’Donovan’s Junior Infants and 4th Class who both achieved 100%! Every single child was in school every day. Well done too to 3rd Class with 99%, Miss Calvey’s 1st/2nd on 99%, 6th Class on 98% and 5th Class with 97%!

Wishing all families a lovely weekend,

Éadaoin Kelly

Principal