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Dear Parents,

Please find below the PTFA dates until Christmas. I know our PTFA work very hard for us at St. Mary's and it is lovely that they are providing these activities. On school disco day, please could children come to school in non-school uniform.

Please do remember our Harvest Mass which is taking place this Friday (14<sup>th</sup> October). All are welcome to attend, and please could you send your child to school with a tin or something dried as a donation. The donated items will be taken to the local Food Bank.

Many thanks.

**PTFA dates for your diary**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October- School Disco.** KS1 3.00-4.15pm and KS2 4.30-6.00pm £2.00 entry. Children to come to school in non-school uniform for the day.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November-Christmas Bingo.** Doors open at 5.30pm. Eyes down at 6.00pm.

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November-Christmas Fete.** 10am -12.30pm.

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December- Festive Friday.** 5.30-8pm (Axminster square).

**No School Crossing Patrol on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**

Please be aware that the school crossing will be unmanned on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October. Please ensure you make suitable arrangements for your child if they walk to and from school without an adult.

**Extreme Reading**

Mrs. Perks would like to remind people to bring in any photos they have for the Extreme Reading competition, where they were to have photos taken of themselves reading in extreme / wild places.

**School Uniform**

We apologise for the length of time parents are waiting for their uniform to be delivered. We are working with our supplier to try and rectify this situation. The next deadline for ordering uniform is Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October. Please note, samples are available in the office to try the sizes before you order as some things come up quite big.

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### **Parking reminder**

Please can we remind all parents when dropping off and picking up from school that only disability badge holders are permitted to drop off and pick up in the school car park. We have noticed that some parents are still doing this and are also parking at the entrance of the car park near our sign. Please can we remind you not to do this. We also have had reports of parents still using the police station car park. Can we remind you that this is private property and must not be used. Please also take care when parking in nearby streets and make sure you do not block the road or access to people's houses. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **Sidmouth Science Festival**

This Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October, as part of Sidmouth Science Week, there will be a Super Science Saturday. This will involve hands-on activities for all ages and all abilities. It looks to be a fun day for all the family.

### **Secondary School Admissions deadline (Year 6 parents only)**

Just a reminder that the deadline for applying for a secondary school place is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016. Please apply online through Devon Admissions.

### **Flu vaccinations (year 1, 2 and 3)**

We have been informed that the date for the nasal Flu vaccination is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you to those parents who have handed back their consent forms for this.

### **Parent teacher Catch up sessions**

Just a reminder that next Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October we will be running Parent teacher catch up sessions in school. If you would like to come along to one of these sessions to discover more about what your child is learning, please do come along. The first session is 3.40pm to 4pm. The second session is 4.05-4.25pm. Childcare will be available in the hall if you need it.

### **Bags for school**

The next date for our 'bags to school' collection is 23 November. As soon as we receive the bags we will send them home in your child's book bags. In the meantime, if you wished to have a clear out and start putting aside any old clothes items ready for the collection date that would be great.