



Coronavirus Update

Information from government regarding the re-opening of schools for some year groups

I am sure that you will be aware of the government's plans to begin the phased re-opening of primary schools from 1st June, at the earliest. The Government guidance suggests that they will commence with children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

We also heard this news for the first time on Sunday and guidance followed on Monday, 11th May. Therefore, in order to make any phased return as smooth and safe as possible, we have started planning for how the government guidance might be implemented at St Mary's.

The government have also produced guidance for parents and carers about this phased return and this can be found via the following link:-

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

In due course, we will be circulating information about how we will be managing the transition to accommodating increased numbers of pupils here at St Mary's.

In the meantime, staff will continue to provide home learning via Purple Mash and also on the website:-

<https://www.st-marysrc.devon.sch.uk/online-learning/>

If you would like paper copies of any of the home learning packs, please contact the school and we will send the work by post.

Staff will also be continuing to phone every family to check how things are going. To avoid some families having two or three phone calls and repeating conversations, only one teacher is calling per family. If you would like to talk to a teacher about the work for a specific child, please let us know and they will call you when they are next in school.

Prayer Focus

The link to the online version of the Wednesday word is here:-
www.wednesdayword.org
and simply click on "Schools please click here for the Primary School version"

The word chosen for this week is 'helper'. The Holy Spirit is our helper – alive and active today – nudging us to do good and guiding us along the way. The presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives will help us to grow in love, joy, wisdom, peace, self-control, patience, faithfulness and kindness. We can ask the Holy Spirit to help us, especially at times when things are difficult.

Dear Lord Jesus

Please send your Holy Spirit into our lives to be our helper and to guide us, so that we can be a great help to those around us. Amen."

Safeguarding

Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub

Just a reminder that if you are worried about a child or young person in Devon and want to speak to someone, you can contact the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub for Devon, known as MASH, on:-
0345 155 1071

or email:-

mashsecure@devon.gov.uk

You can do this anonymously if you prefer. Please give as much information as you can.

Children and young people worried about their own safety can also contact the MASH number or they can contact Childline on:-

<https://www.childline.org.uk/>

Keeping in Touch

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Ned, Honey-rose and Poppy who have all earned their Blue Peter Badges during lockdown.

Congratulations also to Winnie and Aubrey who welcomed their new brother, Wilbur, to the world on Monday. I can report that mum, Sam, has not missed walking up and down the hill to school at all during lockdown!

Staff photo

Some of the staff and regular visitors to St Mary's have produced a special message for all our pupils and families, which is attached to this newsletter.

News from home

If you have any news or learning from home that you would like to share, please let us know. We can then include it in the newsletter or on the website.

Parenting Support

Action for Children

Action for Children are offering online parenting support for families with children aged 0-19. From where to go for help, to coping with challenging behaviours, to how to keep your children entertained at home - find advice and practical help here: parents.actionforchildren.org.uk

Action for Children's online coaches are available for free, confidential 1-1 live chat and are there to listen and support you. Visit talk.actionforchildren.org.uk

Further information for parents/ carers is also available from Devon Early Help at www.dcfp.org.uk/early-help

Devon School Library Competition

To help encourage the children to keep up with their reading, the Devon School Library Service are running a competition to design a bookmark, based on a book that has been read recently.

There will be a winners from Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, each winning £10 book token and books for the school library. The competition closes on 26th June and entries can be photographed and sent to school. We can then forward these to the Library Service.



Book-tastic competition!

While you are at home why not:

Read a book

Listen to an audiobook

Or share a book with your family

Show us what you have read by creating a bookmark about the book

Cockatoos by Quentin Blake. Tuva and Linnea aged 'nearly 5'

Rainbow Magic by Daisy Meadows Jade aged 8

Enter our Competition. Winner receives a book token and extra books for your school.

Ylva aged 5 Good Little Wolf by Nadia Shireen Five Little Reindeer by Stuart Lynch

Take a photo and ask your teacher to send it to us at Babcock School Library Service at the e mail address below. £20 of book tokens to be won. £10 for the best KS1 entry and £10 for the best KS2 entry. Schools of the winning pupils will each receive 10 new books for their school library (Subscribing schools only). Closing date 26th June 2020

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