

St. Mary's Mail



Date: 19th March 2021

St Mary's during Lockdown

The children have now been back in school all together for two weeks and I am pleased to report that they have all settled in really well. In English, teachers are now planning using the 'KPIs' which are considered to be the most important objectives for the year group. They continue to use high quality texts to engage and inspire the children and are regularly monitoring the children's work to ensure they are adapting their teaching for class and individual need.

In maths, we continue to follow the White Rose planning but have built in additional arithmetic lessons. We will be assessing children's understanding of each area of maths to identify priorities to be taught going forward.

All children will have read to an adult in school and taken part in a benchmark assessment so should have a reading book appropriate to their needs—remember we are looking at the 'whole reader'. Children are having daily phonics or reading lessons, which is part of our usual practice and we continue to encourage children to read regularly at home.

In addition to the teaching of core skills, the last two weeks have seen a focus on reconnecting. Children have been enjoying some collaborative projects, having the opportunity to reflect on their thoughts and feelings in increased PSHE lessons, expressing themselves through art and being active in PE.

Today we have had a great time making one another laugh and of course we continue to look forward to Easter as we work through our 40 acts of kindness!

Mrs B Scriven



For the safety of our families, we ask that you do not park in the church carpark when bringing your children to school. Also please be considerate when parking in the local community.

It's the Law

Ultimately, we all want the children to grow to become well adjusted, thoughtful, law-abiding citizens but the children will need the support of good role models throughout their young lives to achieve this.

We are aware that some children are engaging in the following illegal activity:

- ♦ playing out in groups larger than 2
- ♦ Attending playdates in someone else's home
- ♦ Having sleepovers with friends.

We will educate the children regarding the law but ask you to support them to socialise **within** it.

Thank you

Thank you for your patience and cooperation as we have settled into the new staggered start and end times. We appreciate all of the feedback we have received and have used this to make adjustments and generate tips to help the system run more smoothly. One change we have been trailing this week is splitting the Y3/4 cohort and this seems to have had a positive impact. As of Monday, we ask that Y4's time is adjusted to 8:45am/3:15pm whilst Y3 remain at 3:45am/3:20pm. If you have a child in Y3 and a child in Y4, please remember you drop with the earliest time and collect with the latest.

Excel Daily!

We continue to have our weekly celebration assembly each Friday. Well done to the following children who have recently received certificates:

Rose T, Jakub Z, Ria P, Jenson B, Mason W, Tyler O'B, Cassie A, Logan B, Lacey T-P, Sophie A, All of Sycamore Class, Travis R, Haydn J, Arabella A, Paige K, Gino P, Isla O'S, Lila E, Alana R, Amelia L, Esmee K, Harrison B, Cali J, Toby B, Samaya P, Adalae S, Freddie W, Phoebe H, Jessica J, Amber M, Anna S, Rio H, George E, Lucas F, Byron G, Amy S, Oliver M, Danielle A, Mariana F, Erin G, Lydia W, Charlie S & Kiera J.

