

# St. Mary's Mail



Date: 1st April 2021

St Mary's during Lockdown

Today marks the end of term 4 and the beginning of the Easter holidays. Personally this is one of my favourite times of the year; all around us we see signs of new life. The Easter celebration is about sacrifice and reminds us that life is bigger than ourselves and our current situations. I have thought a lot about the suffering within our community over the last year and the impact Covid has had on our children. They don't know it but the primary years really are some of the best of our lives! Whilst we have worked tirelessly to ensure that the children still have an enriched experience, it is fair to say that school is far from normal – whatever that is now.

As we approach the end of the school year and look to the relaxation of restrictions, the partnership leadership team will be working with the wider team to consider what our own roadmap looks like and within that we would like to see some of our summer traditions return.

We ask for your patience and support during this time. Change is hard and we will all have differing feelings regarding the relaxation of the rules.

Enjoy spending time together as a family, getting to see other families and even getting out of Yate during the Easter break and we will look forward to seeing you on the 19th April for a new beginning!

*Mrs B Scriven*

## Hot Meals

We have been working with our school catering manager to bring hot meals in a format that can be served in the classrooms for KS2.

You should have by now received a copy of the menu starting on the 19th April. Alternatively you can find it on our school website.



## Goodbye Mr Allen

Today we say goodbye to Maple's teacher, Mr Allen. Mr Allen joined the school this time last year and in the time he has been with us, he has had a real impact on the children and is a valued member of our team.

We would like to wish him the very best of luck in the next steps of his career as a university lecturer, educating future teachers.

## Books

As you are aware, we have invested a lot of money in new reading resources this year in order to take our reading scheme all the way through to year 6. We are finding that school books are not always coming back into school so we are lacking a good selection at some levels. Please can you have a look around at home and return any school books.

## Staggered Start

Thank you to all of our families who have adjusted routines to fit in with the new staggered start. As we have settled into the new system there has been significant improvement in congestion at the entrance gate.

We are still operating the one way system so ask that all families arrive through top gate and leave via church road.

## Excel Daily!

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

Harry M, Darcie H, Wes B, Nevanna P, Austin S, Poppy S, Lexie E, Joseph T, Emmy E, Arthur F, Sophia M, Cody S, Ayesha F, Evie L, Levi B, Maisie S, Millie R, Kacey E, Tyler J, Mason J, Martha D, Tyrrell M-E, Jessica B, Mollie M, Oliver M & Summer B.

