

# St. Mary's Mail



Date: 5th February 2021

St Mary's during Lockdown

Dear Parents,

Well done for all the amazing home learning you have supported this week. Thank you for taking the time to upload onto Dojo as this is the only way that we are able to recognise the work that all the children are doing. If you need any help or support please do not hesitate to get in touch.

## Zoom—what to do if the teacher drops out!

In the last 5 weeks we have hosted hundreds of Zoom calls and as far as I am aware, only once has a teacher dropped out. However in this instance the first child to join the meeting is defaulted as host.

If this was to happen again, we ask that all children end the call and attempt to re-join 5 minutes later.

Also, please make sure that the children are supervised at all times during these live sessions.

## Parents Evening

During the first week of next term, we will be holding parents' evenings which will be open to all of our families. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, it will not be possible for us to hold these face to face so all appointments will be held virtually, using 'Zoom'. The meeting will be framed around the following questions:

- Can you share a piece of learning that you are feeling proud of?
- What challenges have you had to overcome whilst you have been learning from home/in school?
- Is there anything else you would like us as a school to do to support your child?

Bookings can be made online at:

<https://stmarysyate.schoolcloud.co.uk/>

The system will be open from 6:00pm tonight and will close at 4:00pm on Friday 12th February. A letter will be sent separately today giving details of the days each class teacher will be available for appointments and instructions on how to book a slot.

## Zoom Check-in/out

Thank you for your feedback regarding the class Zoom calls we have organised this week. The smaller groups have enabled increased participation which we hope has helped to engage and motivate your children. Going forward, check-in will remain class specific but check-out, which is ordinarily a reflection and celebration of learning, may link the year or phase together.

Please can we ask that videos are on for these sessions as we find this enhances engagement.

## Parent Governors

Congratulations to Mrs Sam Holman and Mrs Kelly Reed who were the successful candidates in the recent parent governor election. We would like to welcome them to the Governing body and look forward to working with them in the future. We would also like to thank all the nominees for their commitment to the school, we are very lucky to have such a supportive group of parents in the St Mary's community.

## Excel Daily!

We continue to have our weekly celebration assembly each Friday. In addition to celebrating the attitude to work of children in school, we are awarding certificates to our learners at home. If your home learner is nominated, you will receive a Zoom code to attend the assembly.

Well done to the following children who have recently received certificates.

Sophie F, Louis L, Darby W, Oliver H, Ella S, Adalae S, Dakota Z, Daniel R, Sam R, Hadley C, Olivia Em, Luke W, Frankie N, Brooke B, Lydia S, Logan E, Harry B, Josie T, Hannah Wi, Ben T, Elliott B, Kacey E, Skye D

