

St. Mary's Mail



Date: 5th March 2021

St Mary's during Lockdown

Today I write our last lockdown newsletter and have been reflecting on what an incredible job you have all been doing during these rather turbulent times. Thank you to our homebased children who have been at Zoom calls, followed the lessons and shared incredible learning via dojo. Thank you to our school based children who have also shown great resilience in this time. Thank you to our parents who have worked miracles in juggling home-schooling, working from home and generally managing life! Thank you to our teachers and teaching assistants who have done an incredible job in creating content for home learning and teaching in school as well as giving pastoral support to many families. Finally, thank you to the office team who have worked tirelessly to support operational aspects of school as well as linking with families at home.

Mrs B Scriven

Home Learning Books

As you have been sharing children's learning over Dojo we do not need to see them and ask that in order to limit movement of items between home and school, these stay with you at home.



Comic Relief
Make us Laugh



After the start to 2021 that we have had, we could all do with a good laugh. So, on Friday the 19th March we are inviting the children and staff to come to school in fancy dress, wearing pyjamas, with crazy hair ...anything to make us giggle. We ask that you donate £1 or what you can afford via our Just Giving page to support this wonderful charity.

[Click here for the Just Giving link](#)

Active travel to school

With pupils returning to school from next week and the weather looking fair, it's a great opportunity to think about your journey to and from school, South Glos Road Safety have put together a short video to highlight the importance and benefit of active travel.

[Active travel to school - South Gloucestershire Council - YouTube](#)

Rapid lateral flow testing for families

An email was sent yesterday giving information on the recent government announcement that families are able to access "Lateral Flow Tests". The email stated you could collect them from testing sites, all of which were a drive away. You are also able to order them online for home delivery, all details can be found in the following link:

[Rapid lateral flow testing for households and bubbles of school pupils and staff.](#)

Staggered drop-off and collection times

We have made some changes to the way that our staggered start and finish times will work from Monday 8th March.

Year	EYFS	Year 1/2	Year 3/4	Year 5/6
Start	8.55am	8.40am	8.50am	8.35am
Finish	3.10pm	3.00pm	3.20pm	3.05pm

Siblings and children with childminders should be dropped off at the earliest allocated time for your family and then collected at the latest time which will eliminate the need to wait on the school grounds adding to potential congestion.

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

Rose K, George B, Adrian B, Bobby J, Isla T, Noah H, Max R, Rosa B, Cian M, Bea F, Olivia Z, Thomas P, Hugh S, Coby F, Lily P, Dylan P, Ronique P, George P, Thea G and Finlay S.



WORLD BOOK DAY

