



'A Caring Christian Community Committed to Achievement'

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COMPASSION COMMUNITY COURAGE **CURIOSITY**

Dear Parents,

We are now approaching our seventh week of lockdown and I can imagine that you are eagerly waiting news of schools re-opening. I really have no further information than that which has already been shared on our national news channels and please be assured that I will contact you as soon as I know more.

Home Learning (found under class pages on our website)

We do hope that your children are benefitting from the hard work that staff are putting into the class pages on our website. As you can imagine, events like these have not happened before in schools, so this really is a first for us all and teachers are exploring different approaches to supporting children to learn. As promised, we have undertaken a review of our home learning offer and taken your feedback into consideration. As we stated at the start, we are acutely aware that family circumstances will vary greatly and we are not in any way suggesting that your child should be doing all (or most) of the learning provided. Reading is the most important thing to keep going and of course, nurturing the well-being of yourself and your family members is the top priority.

New Intake for September 2020-21 and class organisation (found under parent tab on our website)

I would like to extend a very warm welcome to families joining our St Mary's Community in September. I can imagine that this must be a particularly worrying and unsettling time for you. We are working hard to find creative solutions to the Induction process so that you and your child feel well supported and ready for the important and exciting transition to Primary School.

Classes September 2020-21

As you know, we are somewhat limited in our choices about how we can organise our classes. We always consider the children's best interests when we are making any decision and our class organisation plans are in line with the planning that Mrs Wright did based on the 2017-18 Breech year. I am told that this was shared with all families in the school at the time.

Bluebell class: Reception and Year 1 (Miss Rainbow and Mrs Cope)
Windmill class: Year 2 and Year 3 (11 of the youngest) (Mrs Ball)
Conygar class: Year 3 (13 of the oldest) and Year 4 (Mrs Speed and Mrs Sinclair)
Priory Class: Year 5 and Year 6 (We are appointing a maternity cover teacher in the next few weeks)

Safeguarding

As always, if you have any safeguarding concerns, then please contact Sophie Westerwijk (Designated Safeguarding Lead) on: sophie.westerwijk@stmarysprimaryportbury.org

If you have any other concerns that you would like to share or questions you would like to ask then please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher.

Take very good care of yourselves and your family.

Warmest wishes,

Sophie Westerwijk

IS IT TRUE??!!

Yes it is!! St Mary's has launched its very own You Tube channel and hope it brings comfort (and some laughter!) to you and your children! Being in front of a camera is not something that we all find easy, so there has been a lot of work here on 'overcoming our fears!' Watch this space....



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YOUR FAMILY CHALLENGE

Please look at the short video on our website (under 'News' tab). Can you learn the signs with your child so our community can sign together when we meet again? Enjoy your learning!

Our Christian value this term is: Friendship

I think everyone is missing friends greatly at the moment. You and your child may like to share the prayer below:

Dear God,
Guard our friendships.
Help us remember that friendships last even when we are not together;
That friendships last even when we cannot see each other;
That friendships will always last.