



'A Caring Christian Community Committed to Achievement'

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COMPASSION COMMUNITY COURAGE CURIOSITY

Dear Parents,

It has been quite overwhelming reading your positive feedback on our Lockdown survey and knowing that you have felt well supported by St Mary's over the last few terms. We had no formula for this national crisis and only knew that we had to do the very best we possibly could. At times this was very challenging, given the circumstances that we found ourselves in. I would like to publicly thank each and every staff member at St Mary's for championing our school values and always being prepared to go above and beyond. As part of our ongoing self-evaluation, I sat down the other day and listed what St Mary's has provided and I felt immensely proud. Here are just some examples:

- Enabled every child to connect with their friends and teachers this term and come onto the school site
- Provided personalised and printed learning packs for more than 12 families weekly who have not had access to a printer
- Provided serviced Ipads to families where needed
- Provided up to twice weekly well-being support for some children via phone calls
- Provided phone/email communication to all of our children throughout lockdown and responded swiftly to emails received, celebrating children's learning and providing support and feedback
- Ensured our environment has been welcoming, engaging and nurturing for our children returning to school
- Set up our own YouTube channel to engage those children learning from home
- Provided weekly challenges for our children learning from home to help them feel connected
- Set up a designated well-being page on our website to support families
- Class teachers posting a daily/weekly letter or message to their class via our website
- Delivering weekly food hampers to some of our families

We are ready to welcome back all of our children in September

We are delighted to be in a position to say that we will be opening our doors to all our children in September 2020. We can't wait to have them all back with us! We hope to have Wrap Around Care operating as normal and children will be educated in their class which will form a bubble of a maximum of 30 children. Further details about the school day will be following next week.



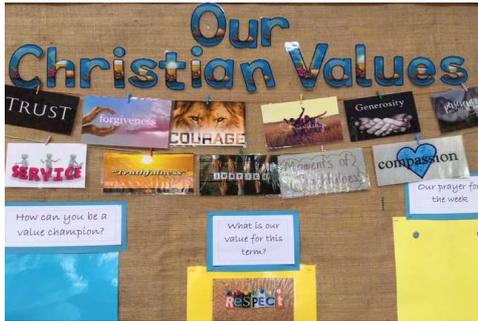


COMMUNITY SING-A-LONG



We are asking all members of our St Mary's Community to learn the makaton signs for the chorus of our school anthem. These are on a short video which can be found on our YouTube channel. We are hoping to all sing and sign our anthem next Friday 17th July 2020.

OUR CHRISTIAN VALUE – RESPECT



Time to Talk: Who has shown respect to you recently? What did they do?

PARENTPAY REMINDER

We are asking all our families to clear their Parentpay accounts by Friday 17th July 2020. This is particularly important for our year 6 families. Please check the balances on your lunch, breakfast club and after school club accounts.



We would like to remind all of our parents using cars to drop off/pick up their child that the lane in front of school operates as a one way system so please enter it from the end nearest the cottages.



On behalf of all the staff and families at St Mary's Primary, I would like to wish Mr and Mrs Scott all the very best for the exciting times that lie ahead. We can't wait to hear news of your baby boy!

You may like to share this prayer together as a family:

Dear God,

Understanding difference can be frightening and challenging. Help us to remember, in all that we do, that difference is wonderful and something to celebrate. Difference makes our world colourful, it teaches us so many important things and helps us to grow into better people.

Amen