

St Mary's News

It has been lovely to see and hear everyone back in school since 8th March. There has been lots of hard work, getting back into the school routine and renewing friendships. We have completed some tests this week just to give us an idea of what fall back there has been (if any!) and these will inform the teaching for the next term.

We close today for Easter and it does look like the weather will warm up and stay dry for next week at least.

Star of the Week/Superkids

We have been really impressed as to how the children have returned and settled back in even though we know how tiring it has been for everyone. There has been some lovely work produced, and very obvious hard work. We have also seen and heard lots of kind conversations and actions for each other.

EYU

Yasmin, Vincent Mensah, Amaya Green, Jessica Sarkozi and Delilah Garforth

KS1

Corey Taylor, Michal Turek, Rudey Green, Molly Hoyle, Isaac Johnson and Charlotte Parlar

KS2

Lillie-Mae Cummins, Casey Wood, Tommy Reynard, Brooke Wilkinson, Lily Jagger, Willow McCabe, Billy Oates, Patrick O'Brien, Bella Wood, Fenton McFarland, Emmiellia O'Sullivan, Aaron Gilbert, Amelia Lister, Rebekah Lyall, Jessica Rhys-Hill, Tyler Howard, Nathaniel Walker and Caitlyn Ward.

Easter colouring competition

The school council have had a tough job today deciding the winners for each class in the Easter Egg colouring competition. Each winner received an Easter Egg.

Congratulations to: Preston McFarland, Poppy Harris, Peyton Hall, Grace Anderson, Tilly Boardman, Elina Vadsariya, Lola Broadhurst, Eliza Hepworth, Kaci Scrutton, Finton Gowlett, Skyla Gowlett and overall winner Miley Kelly.

Nursery places

Thank you for those who have contacted school to place their child on the nursery waiting list. However, we still have quite a few vacancies for September so please contact school or go on the website for SIF2020 form to register your interest for nursery. Any child who is 3 between 1st September 2020 and August 31st 2021 can be accepted (as long as toilet trained) for September. Applications for younger children can be made now so at least we can see what numbers might be likely in the next couple of years.

Home testing kits

Obviously despite ongoing restrictions people still have to go out to work or shop so there is still the risk of transmission of the virus. Schools reopening may (or not) cause a rise in local cases too. If as a household, you would like to be involved in home testing you can collect a kit from Dewsbury Railway station car park, Ravensthorpe neighbourhood Housing Car park, Queens Street or Leeds Road Playing fields Earlsheaton. You do not need to book and you can collect 2 packs of home test kits at a time. Each pack contains 7 tests and anyone 18 or over can collect the tests. Alternatively, you can order them to be delivered to your home address. These are the same kits staff are using twice a week too.

If anyone does test positive the whole household isolates until a lab test is completed and those results come back.

Go to Kirklees Council website and search for testing kits and you will find all the links and information you need.

Positive cases

During the Ester holiday we are still obliged to notify Kirklees of any positive cases within our school community. Please email head@stmarysbatley.co.uk to notify me of any such cases, especially any up until Wednesday 31st March, as these may require me to contact a school bubble to inform them that they need to isolate. Thank you

MASSES for St Mary's Holy Week and Easter Sunday

This is an online booking service-please go to www.stmarybatley.co.uk to book a place for Masses during Holy Week, the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. Alternatively, Masses are now live streamed, you just need to go on the above website, click live stream and subscribe (free) to the youtube link.

Amended holiday dates for the rest of this school year.

Friday 26 th March	Close for Easter break
Monday 12 th April	Reopen for all pupils
Thursday 27 th May	Close for Spring Bank
Monday 7 th June	Reopen for all pupils
Friday 23 rd July	Close for Summer holidays

Additional days

Monday 3 rd May	Closed National Bank Holiday Monday
Monday 28 th June	Training day closed to pupils.

Don't forget the clocks go forward this weekend. Have a lovely Easter everyone.