



Newsletter 1st April 2021

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COMPASSION COMMUNITY COURAGE CURIOSITY

Dear parents,

What a wonderful way to end Term 5 with all our children and staff gathering together on the front playground to wish Annette Ball all the very best for her next adventure and seeing all the flowers for our elderly friends and neighbours lined up outside our school gates. I cannot think of two better examples of our two core values in action; Community and Compassion. Thank you for your generous flower donations and thank you to Alison Lawrence and Trish Rose for working so hard to make the bunches of flowers look so beautiful.

As a staff, we said goodbye to Annette yesterday, in a socially distanced 'staff meeting' on our field. I know that Annette is leaving a legacy at St Mary's in the form of her kindness, commitment to providing children with memorable learning experiences and her love of nature and the outdoors. I have heard from so many parents about how much their child has loved being in Annette's class and I know this will have something to do with the creative learning experiences that Annette prioritises. I do not think, in all the time I have been in education, I have ever seen children in years 1, 2 and 3 produce art work of such a high quality.

I am still reflecting on all the rich learning that has taken place as part of Easter and Holy week. I hope you were able to join our Easter Celebration yesterday and share some of this. Hearing children across the school talk with such enthusiasm about the Last Supper, how Jesus felt as he was carrying the cross and why the tomb was empty, confirmed to me what high quality learning has taken place. My thanks again goes to Ellie Speed, as well as all the teachers, for bringing such an important but complex story alive.

On behalf of all the staff at St Mary's, I would like to wish you a very happy Easter break and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 19th April 2021.

Best wishes,

Sophie Westerwijk

Dates for your diary:

Mon 19th April

Term 5 Starts

Monday 3rd May

May Day Bank Holiday

Tuesday 4th May

Environment Day

Monday 10th May

Governors Meeting

w/b Monday 17th May

Internet Safety Week

Tuesday 25th May

Share My Learning

Journey on class pages
on our website

Friday 28th May

Term 5 Ends

FOSMS UPDATE

Now that restrictions are being lifted, we're starting to plan for some of our regular events, such as the sports day cafe and the summer fair. **Please check the dates on the weekly newsletters.** We'd be grateful for some volunteers to help us organise these events, so if you're interested in helping please look out for the Facebook updates, or send Sass Joyner a text via Messenger to be added onto the Team FOSMs What's App group.



We are seeing so many examples of Compassion in action across our school community each and every day.

Time to Talk: How many acts of kindness can you carry out over the Easter holidays?

GENTLE REMINDER

Please do not allow your child to bring their scooter or bike onto the school site. This includes the field. For Health and Safety reasons we are unfortunately unable to allow children to play on the school field at the end of the school day, so please make sure you leave the school site as quickly and safely as possible after pick-up. Thank you for your continued support.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CALL SCHOOL IF YOUR CHILD IS ATTENDING SCHOOL AND HAS ANY OF THE COVID 19 SYMPTOMS BELOW:

- ❖ High temperature
- ❖ New and continuous cough
- ❖ Loss of taste or smell

DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD IN TO SCHOOL WITH ANY OF THE ABOVE SYMPTOMS
THANK YOU

Dates for your diary:

Term 6

Monday 7th June

INSET DAY

Wednesday 9th June

Welcome meeting

Teacher to parents

4pm via Teams

W/b Monday 14th June

Health and Well-being

Week

W/b Monday 21st June

Refugee Week

Friday 25th June

Sports Day

Tuesday 29th June

Reserve Sports Day

5th July

Governor's Meeting

Friday 9th July

End of year Reports go home

Friday 9th July

Summer Fair

Monday 12th July

Share My Learning

Journey on class pages on our website

Tuesday 13th July

Transition Afternoon

1.15-3pm

Teddy Bears picnic for our new Reception children

Wednesday 14th July

Year 6 Leavers Service

Wednesday 21st July

Last Day of Term 6

