

# Newsletter 7<sup>th</sup> May 2021

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COMPASSION COMMUNITY **COURAGE** CURIOSITY



Well-being is a  
priority at St  
Mary's

In such a short space of time, Rafi has certainly supported well-being and learning across St Mary's. A few children have enjoyed talking to me about a few challenges they are facing, with Rafi running along beside us on the school field. I was struck by how much more confident these children were with Rafi present. Rafi has his own learning targets that he is working on at the moment and this has given our children an important reminder that we all struggle with things but with some help, can all make progress. We have an agreed 'Rafi Code' which keeps all of our children safe and supports them to help Rafi feel safe and secure too. I have been so impressed with how every child is taking this so seriously. Rafi has his own well-being champion (dog behaviourist) who is ensuring he is happy and all his needs are met, so this is helping him to settle into school life.

*Zara in Windmill wrote a beautiful letter to Rafi this week:*

Dear Rafi,

I hope you settle in ok. I have got a list of things that you can and can't do. Be kind, don't bark too loud. Be calm and don't bite. Don't wiggle and don't climb trees. Don't wander off. Listen to good things and bad. Don't hide unless you play hide and seek.

From Zara.

If you feel your child is anxious in any way about Rafi or you have any questions or concerns, then please contact the school office ([admin@stmarysprimaryportbury.org](mailto:admin@stmarysprimaryportbury.org)).

## Dates for your diary:

### Term 5

Whole school value

### **COURAGE**

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

Governors Meeting

**w/b Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

Internet Safety Week

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

Share My Learning

Journey on class pages  
on our website

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May**

Term 5 Ends

### Term 6

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June

**INSET DAY**

Reading aloud with your child, just **10 minutes** a day, is one of the best ways to provide learning tools for life



Please remember to listen to your child read regularly and ideally, 5 times each week. Please date and sign your child's reading diary when you have done this. Your child needs their reading diary in school each day.

## SERVICE

### TIME TO TALK:

How can we share our talents with others?  
As parents, what talents do you share with others?



**SAFEGUARDING IS ALL OF OUR RESPONSIBILITY**

**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:**

### **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

Welcome meeting  
Teacher to parents  
**4pm** via Teams

### **W/b Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

Health and Well-being  
Week

### **W/b Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

Refugee Week

### **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

Sports Day

### **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

Reserve Sports Day

### **5<sup>th</sup> July**

Governors Meeting

### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

End of year Reports go  
home

### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July**

Summer Fair

### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

Share My Learning  
Journey on class pages  
on our website

### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July**

Transition Afternoon

**1.15-3pm**

Teddy Bears picnic for our  
new Reception children

### **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 6 Leavers Service

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

FOSMs School Disco

### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July**

Last Day of Term 6

