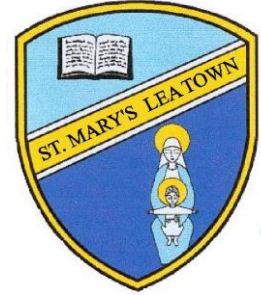


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*'Happy are those who hear the word of
God and keep it' Luke 11:28*

Friday 17th of July 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As we reach the end of our Summer term may I take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout this challenging period. I have asked our Chair of Governors, Mr. Gerard Oakes, to share a few words with you.

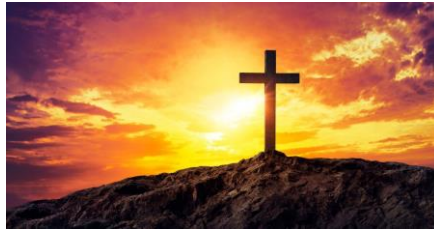
On behalf of the Governing Board for St Mary's, I would thank you all for your patience, understanding and forbearance over the last few months during the COVID-19 situation and your unstinting support to our school. It goes without saying that this has been an extremely difficult period for everyone concerned, and I must pay testament to hard work and dedication of all the staff in keeping the school open for our children of key workers and the massive amount of planning that has gone in to the school re-opening for September – a little step closer to something approaching normality.

Whilst challenging for all, I know for some this has been a particularly difficult period and for others has curtailed many aspects of a normal school year which we had rather it hadn't. In all this though and as part of our Catholic ethos, we must also remember those that have been directly and indirectly affected by COVID-19 and the impact the virus has already had on so many. Our thoughts and prayers are offered to them all.

The Governors and staff will continue to work hard, together with support from yourselves and the children, to make St Mary's the very special place it is. Thank you once again and may I take this opportunity to wish you all a safe, happy summer holiday break.

Gerard Oakes
Chair of Governors

Canon Adrian has written a prayer for us all;



*Heavenly Father,
In these difficult times we ask you to keep us safe as we begin the Summer break. Bless the whole school community at St Mary's and their families, and reward all who have worked so hard, with cheerfulness and professionalism, throughout these past months. We make this prayer through*

Christ our Lord. Amen.

We celebrate our Year 6 pupils who prepare to begin their transition to High School. Whilst we are filled with sadness that at present we cannot say goodbye in person we are incredibly proud of all they have achieved during their time at St. Mary's and the wonderful young people they have grown to be. We look forward to welcoming them back in the future when it is safe to do so, celebrating with them and hearing about their High Schools.

We send our love and prayers to.....

***Rio Bamber, Samuel Brown, Aaron Connell, Katie Davies, Isobel Foy, Isaac Hurtault,
Tyler Mawdesley, Billy McIlwaine, Oliver Moyes, Elise Phillips, Lily- May Purkis, Jake Ryan,
Ethan Taylor, Molly Wight and Lucas Worrall.***

We hope you all have a lovely, family, summer break and look forward to welcoming you back in September. Please do take the time to check the Safer School Opening document on our school website homepage if you have not already had the opportunity to do so. <https://www.lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk/>

Should any changes to guidance be made over the summer holidays we will update our website and we advise you via the school text messaging system.

Classrooms and resources have been re arranged in line with guidance. Pictures of each classrooms 'different layouts' can be seen on the Pupil pages of our website which we hope will help our pupils know what to expect. Deep cleaning will take place during the holiday period so you can be assured that we have taken every step to ensure our environment is ready to welcome pupils back.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation and we will see all very soon.

Kind Regards,

Mrs. A. Brogden
Head Teacher