



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 5th March 2021

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

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are all well and looking forward to returning to school next week. Myself and all the staff have been busy getting everything organised and in place. We cannot wait to see you all and we look forward to settling everyone back into school life. I know some of you will be excited, some of you a bit nervous and its normal to have different feelings at this time. Myself, the staff and Leigh are all here to help at any time.

We have lots of nice activities planned with a fun 'World Book' themed day on Friday in school with art, drama and even a book trail around the school grounds. Lots of time will be dedicated to talking, exploring our feelings and looking at how we can support pupils with their learning.

Canon Adrian shares this prayer for our return to school;

Heavenly Father,

*As we return to school we ask
your blessing and protection.
Help us to flourish, growing in
wisdom and love in
the days ahead.*

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Return to School from 8.3.21

Classes will remain in Bubbles with staggered start and finish times. The plan will be largely similar to the structure we had in place before Christmas. To ensure all families are fully informed and absolutely clear I have once again prepared a presentation for you which details structure, expectations and has a useful frequently asked questions section.

I would ask you to take the time to read this document fully . It can be found on the homepage of the school website. If a member of your support or child care Bubble will be supporting drop off or collection please ensure they read this too.

Should you have any further questions or comments please, as ever contact us.

Whilst we are seeing improvements in the number of cases, Coronavirus is still very prevalent and we must work in partnership to ensure we keep each other safe.

It is only by working in partnership that we will be able to reduce the spread and keep school open for our pupils.

It is imperative we maintain social distancing and Parents/ Carers do not gather at either drop of or collection times. All adults (unless Medical exempt) will be required to wear a Face covering when entering the school grounds.

Lenten Activities

Please see below for the next Lenten activities. Our Lenten Planner can be found on the Homepage of our school website. Unfortunately we cannot celebrate our Mass together at the moment and some of our activities are a little different but we still have lots of lovely ideas!

This year we are Fundraising for Lancashire MIND. Through my Head Teachers videos we have all talked about how it is important to keep our bodies healthy and to keep our MIND healthy too!! This local charity help many people locally who may be struggling. Any donations you can give will be gratefully received.

The link can be found on the Lenten Planner on our website and below

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/matthew-taylor107>

Next week.....	
Friday 5 th March	<p>The Masked Reader to celebrate World Book Day (4.3.21)</p> <p>Design a mask of your favourite book character. Read your favourite book wearing your mask and send your Teachers a picture or a video so we can try to guess who is behind the mask!</p> <p>If you are in school as part of our Bubble you are welcome to bring you masks/ books</p> <p>When we return to school we will take part in lots of class based Book challenges on Friday 12th and information will be shared on our website soon</p>
After that	
Friday 12 th March	<p>Make a Lent good deed Jar at home. Every time you do something for someone else add a note, a coin, a lego brick.</p> <p>Can you add good deeds to your class Jars ? Which class will have the most 'good deeds' by the end of our first week back together??</p>

Bubble Clubs 3.15 – 4.00 p.m.

Each class has a Bubble club which we began just before Lockdown. Pupils were invited to sign up to these clubs and families have been sent text reminders. We hope that these clubs will **resume 15.3.21**. If you have not signed up but your child wishes to take part please contact us and we will check places available.

Mon: Football- Bubble 4 (Year 5/6)

Tue: Dance – Bubble 1 (Year R/1)

Wed: Hockey- Bubble 3 (Year 3/4)

Thur : Gymnastics Bubble 2 (Year 1/2)

**** Please note in order to keep everyone safe it is NOT possible to cross Bubbles so your child may only attend the club specific to their class****

Lateral Flow Testing for households, Support Bubbles and Childcare Bubbles of Pupils and Staff

As I am sure you will be aware the Government have a testing system in place within schools. At present within Primary Schools only staff have been invited to engage with twice weekly Lateral Flow Testing (LFT). From 1st March the Government are extending the testing to families of Primary aged pupils. For full details see the link below.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff>

From 1 March 2021, if you're a member of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil you can get a twice-weekly test:

- *through your employer if they offer testing to employees*
- *at a local test site*
- *by collecting a home test kit from a test site*
- *by ordering a home test kit online*

At present, as a school ,we do not have any facilities to provide kits to families.

**** PLEASE NOTE – LFT tests (Lateral Flow Tests) do not replace the need for a PCR tests (polymerase chain reaction) test and should your child or a member of the household or Bubbles develop symptoms families must still isolate and seek a test ****

Reading Books in School

We have worked hard to ensure the items transferred between home and school are minimal to help reduce the transmission of the virus. Changes such as online newsletters, no school bags etc. being a few of the measures taken to date. We know that pupils, especially our younger pupils, have missed having a physical book so from the second week back w.c. 15.3.21 we will trial physical reading books in Key Stage 1.

In order to keep everyone safe we will have a number of measures in place.

- Books must be returned on a Monday morning ONLY
- Staff will collect these books in a box (which will then quarantine before being put back into our reading stocks for future use)
- New books will be issued the same day (these will have been in quarantine for the appropriate amount of time)
- Pupils will return books and receive a new book each MONDAY ONLY.
- Staff will keep a record of the books issued.

In order to keep everyone safe we will be unable to offer any exception to this procedure. Should you forget to return a book on the Monday pupils would have to keep that book until the following Monday.

We thank you for your continued support and understanding. As ever, we will continue to review our procedures in line with guidance.

Celebrations Awards

	Achievement Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, think creatively
Class 1	Max Tidmarsh	Louisa Nelson
Class 2	Harry Davis	Lilianna Conway
Class 3	Isla Kilshaw	Olivia Leigh
Class 4	Sebastian King	Millie Yates

At St. Mary's School we

"Live our lives as Jesus taught us,

Work hard together to achieve our best,

Respect each other and the world around us,

Have fun and enjoy learning!"

