

ST. MARY'S COFE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



Mrs Matthews Message

I would like to begin my first newsletter by thanking those who have wished me well at the start of my Headship. Your messages of good will and support are much appreciated and I am honoured to be working with the whole school community to deliver the best for the children in our care.

Last week, we finalised our systems and structures to ensure we could welcome back pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. The staff have worked incredibly hard to ensure we follow guidance set by the government whilst also placing importance upon the well-being of each and every child. The pupils have eased back into school-life seamlessly and have shown great confidence and resilience in managing changes to the normal routines. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for your support during this time.

I would like to end with an important message recognising the thoughts, feelings and conversations that will be taking place in our community and beyond regarding the importance of Black Lives Matter. Our Christian Values guide, support and lead our pupils to become advocates of change and embrace opportunities to challenge inequality in all its forms. At this stage, we fully recognise the importance of educating our children about Black Lives Matter. We are currently reviewing how we can further actively support and educate staff and pupils about the protest and the BLM movement. Next week, I would like to share with you additional plans and steps we are taking to ensure we continue on this path.

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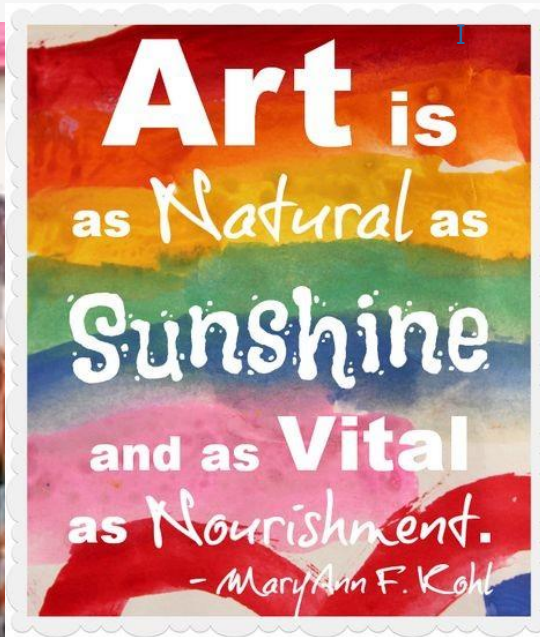
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ART EXHIBITION

We are thrilled to inform you that at the end of term we will be holding a virtual exhibition showcasing the work of our skilled artists at St Mary's. Pupils who are currently in school will be focusing on a key artist and I would like to invite those pupils who are working from home to join us in this community project too. Next week in Google classrooms, you will find a flipchart, a pdf document and resources for the chosen artist. The flipchart very carefully sets out what type of art we would like you to work on at home. We have deliberately selected work that doesn't require too many resources and we hope that each one of you will be able to produce a piece of art with the resources you have available at home. This is a voluntary project and children are not obliged to complete work, although we would love to see every child's work represented.

We aim for the work to be completed on Monday 6th July so that we have time to prepare the art exhibition which we will then share with you virtually. I am really looking forward to seeing the pupils' wonderful artistic creations over the coming weeks and I will keep you posted with arty updates in the newsletters. As always, if you have any questions, please let us know and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

VIRTUAL LIBRARY

Love reading but missing changing your book at school? Welcome to 'Bug Club'! You will shortly receive a letter explaining how to log on to this online library, where you can choose from a wide range of exciting, stimulating and high quality ebooks personally selected for each child by their class teacher.

'Bug Club' is great because it enables teachers to hand-pick a range of books for each child to choose from which are exactly the right level for them and geared towards their interests and preferences. Each book comes with quiz questions to help develop understanding and children can earn coins and rewards by reading and answering questions.

Look out for your log in letter and get reading!



Google Classroom

Thank you for continuing to engage with Google Classroom. This is a fantastic learning tool to support home learning. Tasks are uploaded daily and personalised teacher feedback is given to children's submissions to address misconceptions and challenge pupils. We continue to offer Google Classroom support with a dedicated member of staff on hand daily to offer guidance, advice or technical support. Please do get in touch if you would like to speak to a member of the team.



Value of the Week: Respect

Mark 12:31.

The second is this: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these."

KEY REMINDERS

- Please can I remind you that whilst we are happy for children to cycle or scoot into school, their scooters and bikes will have to be taken back home by yourselves after drop off as they cannot remain on site.
- The only items pupils should be bringing into school is their water bottles of pack lunches. Please remember no book bags or satchels will be needed.
- It is important that all lunches are ordered by 12pm every Sunday for the following week. If your child's lunch is not ordered by this time a packed lunch will need to be provided from home. If you need any support with your lunch orders, please contact The Pantry directly using the detail below.

Telephone: 020 8813 7040 Email: office@thepantrycatering.co.uk

Key Term Dates

Summer Term 2020

First Half (24 days)

Start - Monday 20 April 2020

End Friday 22nd May

Bank Holidays Friday 8th May and Monday 25th May (during half term) Half

Term: Tuesday 26 May 2020 to Friday 29 May 2020

NB: THE EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY HAS CHANGED FROM MONDAY 4TH TO FRIDAY 8TH MAY Second Half (35days)

Start – Monday 1st June

Finish Friday 17th July

This calendar gives a total of 195 days. Four Inset Days and one further day made up by staff from Twilight sessions gives 190 school days.

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