



# *St Mary's Catholic Primary School*

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23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term! We hope you all had a restful Easter and that you were able to enjoy some quality family time. It has been a wonderful week in school, the weather has been perfect and the children have settled quickly and appear to be refreshed and ready for the start of the new term.

As you all know we are working our way through different parts of the lifting of Covid restrictions. However, please could I ask you to remember that we still need to have the message of “hands, face, space” at the forefront of everything that we do. We would be extremely grateful if you could continue to wear face masks when collecting or dropping off, please try to only have one adult at drop off time and to socially distance when waiting. Many thanks for your continued support with this.



We are slowly making changes in school to enable us to participate in more activities. As a result I have updated the whole school risk assessment which can be found on the website. We have put precautions in place to enable us to sing again in our class bubbles, I cannot wait to hear the sound of the children singing once again. We are also pleased to share with you that Mr Vince will be starting up his Year Group Sport Clubs after school for Key Stage 2.



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**“Inspiring each other to learn, in the light of Christ”**

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I wanted to thank you for your continued support on social media. Our Instagram, Twitter and Facebook pages continue to gain followers. We are very appreciative of all the positive comments that you are writing about the school and want you to know that your support is fantastic. We do have a few places left in our Foundation Stage class for September so if you know of any parents in the community looking for a place please recommend us.

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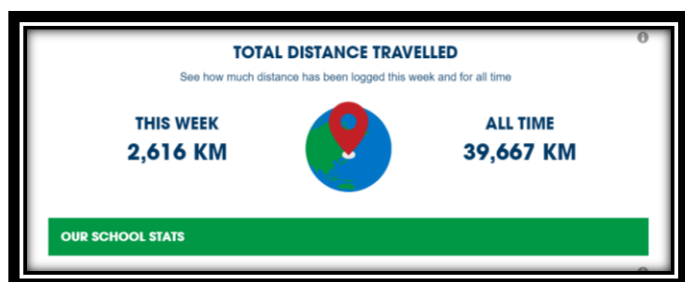
Limited places available across the key stages

The Ofsted inspection in 2019 graded our school as **GOOD**.  
"The quality of teaching, learning and assessment is strong"

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On the 'Travel to Tokyo' virtual challenge the school team which consists of staff continues to be narrowly at the top of the leader board with 10,413KM. We got worried over Easter as the 'Poison Dart Frogs' were doing lots of activity to catch us up and they follow in second with 9,580Km. The 'Blue Whales' are third at the moment with 6,771Km.



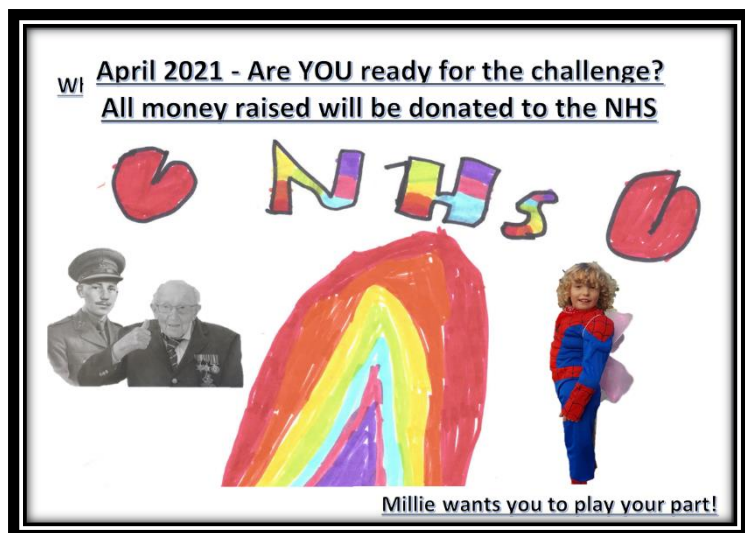
OUR TEAMS		
	GALAPAGOS PENGUINS	165 KM <a href="#">CHECK →</a>
	GREEN TURTLES	73 KM <a href="#">CHECK →</a>
	MARINE IGUANAS	5,088 KM <a href="#">CHECK →</a>
	PENGUINS	58 KM <a href="#">CHECK →</a>
OUR TEAMS		
	SCHOOL TEAM	10,413 KM <a href="#">CHECK →</a>
	BLUE WHALES	6,771 KM <a href="#">CHECK →</a>
	DANN'S DOLPHINS	69 KM <a href="#">CHECK →</a>
	FIN WHALES	967 KM <a href="#">CHECK →</a>
OUR TEAMS		
	POISON DART FROGS	9,580 KM <a href="#">CHECK →</a>
	POLAR BEARS	146 KM <a href="#">CHECK →</a>
	SEALS	3,103 KM <a href="#">CHECK →</a>
	SHARKS	2,045 KM <a href="#">CHECK →</a>
	SPIDER MONKEYS	73 KM <a href="#">CHECK →</a>
	SWIFT FOXES	810 KM <a href="#">CHECK →</a>
	WOLVERINES	306 KM <a href="#">CHECK →</a>

The total distance travelled by the whole school is 39,667Km. We are a long from Tokyo and need your help to get there before the olympics start. Please can we ask for your support to log any activities that you do, if you walk to school please log the activity, if you are doing clubs please log <https://www.getset.co.uk/travel-tokyo/log-activity>

**Challenge: Can the children overtake the staff this week?**

Next Friday we will be supporting Millie in Year 3 who is raising money by doing 100 things! We will be asking the children to support her on the 30<sup>th</sup> April by also doing 100 things. Each class will inform you of their chosen activity via the Google Classroom and we ask that the children either bring in a donation on the day to support Millie's quest or you can do it online. The amazing news is that she has already raised £354. I wonder if we can help her reach her target of £500.

[https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/millie100?utm\\_medium=qr&utm\\_source=offline&utm\\_term=5dd2d6481](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/millie100?utm_medium=qr&utm_source=offline&utm_term=5dd2d6481)



Our multi-academy trust Plymouth CAST is seeking the views of all parents across all the schools. Please see the link below for the Parent Survey that they have created. Please could we ask you to respond online by **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021**.

<https://www.qdpsurvey.co.uk/OnlineQuestionnaire?code=39763-34432-26193153>

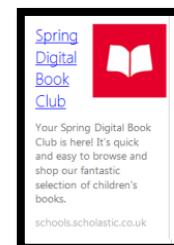
I know it has been extremely difficult to get get uniform and and shoes over the past few months due to sops being closed. We still have lots of spare uniform in school if you need anything please email or call the office. Please could I ask that your child follows the policy as best as you can at the moment. On PE days they preferably need to wear a a dark navy shorts/joggers/tracksuit with their school PE coloured shirt. If you do not have navy blue please can you make sure it is as dark as possible. Summer dresses can be worn now but please make sure that they are blue gingham all over. If wearing a white blouse with a top button a tie must be worn. If anyone has any spare PE shirts,shorts, joggers and shoes that have a lot of life left in them then please could you send them into the office so we can redistribute.

If you have any queries about uniform please call or email the office.



Our new **Scholastic Book Club** is up and running! Go to <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st-marys-catholic-bh15/digital-book-club>.

To browse the latest books and order online please see the link above. For **every £1 you spend** on this month's Book Club, **our school will earn 20p** in Scholastic Rewards. Please place your **order online by May 3rd, 2021**.



Please be aware that the BCP Family Information Service telephone number has changed to: 01202 093131.

During the summer term we are going to be talking to the children about virtues. Plymouth Diocese have been supporting us with how to do this and each week I will try and include some information in my update to help your

understanding as well. The following are the four Cardinal Virtues: **Prudence**, **Justice**, **Fortitude**, and **Temperance**. In general **Prudence** is more about our search for truth. **Justice** is more about seeking the good. **Fortitude** is about our response to hardship. **Temperance** is about our common emotions.

I am pleased to share with you that there are lots more house points this week. Thank you to you all for contributing

**Red – 439**

**Blue - 374**

**Green - 360**

**Yellow - 366**



Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

*Helen Armstrong*

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