



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Diocese of Plymouth

16th October 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week we received communication from a parent who was representing a group of parents asking us to look again at our 'Drop-Off' and 'Pick-Up' times. As you know I am out on the gate in the morning and in the afternoon and I have been monitoring the timings of the year groups arriving and leaving. I have also consulted with staff and governors in an attempt to try and find a solution which works better for everyone. As a result we will be changing the times starting on the first day after half term the 2nd November. Hopefully this will reduce the amount of time that you, our parents, are having to wait outside. However, this will not work if children are late, so please can I ask you that you make sure that your child arrives within their new drop off time.

The School Day

Year FS2 **Year 3** **Year 6**

8:35-8:45am **Pick up – 3:00pm**

Year 2 **Year 4**

8:45-8:55am **Pick up – 3:10pm**

Year 1 **Year 5**

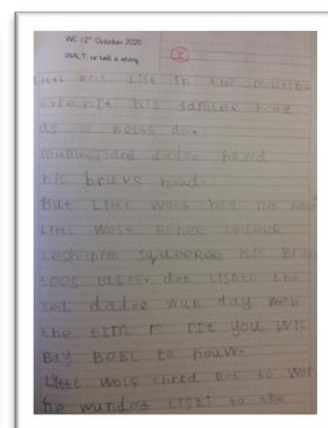
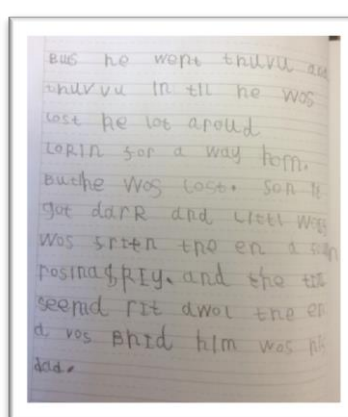
8:55am-9:05am **Pick up – 3:20pm**



Next week you will receive information of how to logon to book your video appointment for parent consultations. These will take place on, Monday 9th November and Wednesday the 11th November, between 3.30-6.30pm.

This week Siena in Year One came to show me her writing. I could not believe the amazing progress that she has made in half a term.

Well done Siena. Keep up the great work!



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Thank you for continuing to support with Google Classroom, IXL and Timestables Rockstars. I am able to go onto IXL daily to see who has been using the programme and it is wonderful to see the children participating in so many skills. We have received a few questions about how the programme works which Mr Thomas will answer in his letter about homework.



Well done to Lacey in Foundation Stage and Robert in Year One who received certificates from IXL this week. Thank you for sharing your wonderful work.

Last week you sent in amazing donations for the Poole Food Bank and we have an appointment to deliver the food on Thursday next week. We also watched the CAFOD Harvest Liturgy 'A Harvest Like No Other'. It told us of the inspiring story of how the first Family Fast Day was started by a small group of women and will explore how God's power working in us is able to do so much more than we can ever ask for, or even think of (Ephesians 3:20). If you would like to watch it here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TXGHRP2hkMM>

The big question it left us with was "What can each of us do to help keep all children safe and well?"

If you can help further here is the link:

<https://cafod.org.uk/donations/picker?singleamount=25®ularamount=7&defaultuniversaltype=regular&Appeal=123402>



Unfortunately nobody has come forward to say that they are interested in becoming a member of our new PTA committee.

It will be very sad for us all if the wonderful work of the PTA cannot continue. Please, if you are interested in becoming a member of our PTA and raising funds and putting on events for the children, then let the office know.

We do not want to lose these events when they can happen again. Please help.

They are such a great committee that they suggested that we hold virtual coffee morning for the parents in EYFS and in Year 1 so that they can share with them the events that they usually hold throughout the year and we pray that we will soon be able to hold again.

Please join your year group by Zoom, details below.





Thank you once again for all your support this week.

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