



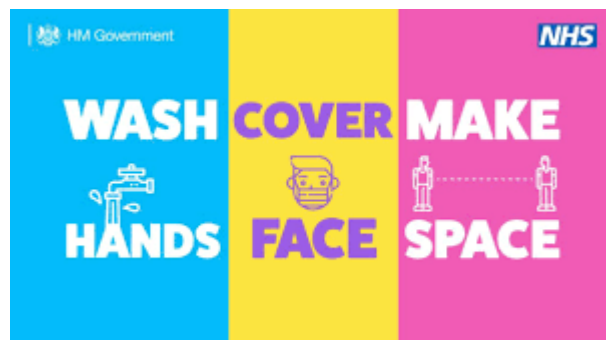
# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we prepare to come out of 'Lockdown' into tier 2 (High Alert) we are reminded that this pandemic is not going away and I continue to be thankful that we are working together to stay as safe as we possibly can. Thank you for your continued support with this. The children are so good with the Covid 19 routines in school and staff continue to work hard to ensure we are doing the best we can do. I have updated our risk assessment and it can be found on our website.



Please remember that it is essential that we know as soon as possible when you get the results of a test back for a member of the family, and we ask that, even if this is in the evening or at weekend, you email the office email asap and we will make sure that it is regularly checked. [office@st-marys.poole.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-marys.poole.sch.uk)

This week has been a week of receiving lovely gifts from people. It has made us feel very special indeed. On Monday we received a gift of a Christmas tree, baubles and tissues. This had been organised by Miss Railson and donated by Tesco. Thank you very much.



Then on Tuesday we had a delivery of soap, toothpaste and toothbrushes which we were able to distribute to all children in Key Stage 1 and Year 3.

Last week I asked if we could get to half a million questions answered on IXL. Wow! Once again the children have gone above and beyond and risen to the challenge with 544,860 questions answered. Well done everybody.



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

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I am delighted to share with you that Codey in Year 4 was chosen as 'Inspirator of the week' by 'Stagewise'. Well done Codey.

Stagewise said:

This week we are delighted to introduce Codey from Junior Performers as our INSPIRATOR. Codey has the most incredible energy and enthusiasm. He particularly loves superheroes, is always full of fun and he has a fantastic imagination.

We love seeing his confidence and focus grow each week. He really is a ray of Saturday sunshine!



Miss Howard was very proud of Ethan in Year 4. She said "We are learning about forces in science. One lesson was on friction - Ethan went home and did some research! Did you know there are 5 types of friction?"

Well researched Ethan!

We are launching our 'Virtual Advent Calendar' on Sunday, the first day of Advent. Each day there will be a two minute video to watch featuring different groups of children throughout the school. There will be a great mix of talents on display with artwork, acting, singing, musical instruments and much more. You can find the videos on our website [www.st-marys.poole.sch.uk](http://www.st-marys.poole.sch.uk) or on Twitter [@musicalstmarys](https://twitter.com/musicalstmarys). A special thank you to Mrs Wilson who has produced all the videos. Please see the attached poster for further details.



On Monday we will also begin our 'Reverse Advent Calendar'. Each year group will be able to wear their own clothes for two days in return for a gift which we can use to make 'Christmas Eve Boxes' and 'Christmas Hampers'. Please can I ask that on PE days the children wear clothes suitable to do their PE lesson in. The attached poster contains further information. Thank you in anticipation of your support.





Today we held another virtual coffee morning for the 'Foundation Stage Parents' which was well attended. If any other year groups would like me to organise one please let me know.

This week the 'House Points' were:

**Red 182**

**Yellow 238**

**Blue 212**

**Green 206**



Sarah Watts, who runs the Patchwork parenting courses for the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth), has put together a short survey to look at the feelings of parents in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and what PATCHWORK can offer in terms of support.

Please if you have a few minutes could you help them by completing this survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QVFB3V2>

We have also asked Sarah to offer a 'Lockdown Lowdown' session, a virtual coffee morning - so that parents can come together and chat with regard to their concerns. When we have a date I will let you know.

Yours faithfully,

*Helen Armstrong*

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