



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have entered into tier 2 (High Alert). You will have received a copy of the poster which reminds us what we can and cannot do.

Once again I thank you all for working with us to stay as safe as we possibly can. 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 that you email the office email asap and we will make sure that it is regularly checked. office@st-marys.poole.sch.uk



Our massive thanks this week goes to our wonderful PTA, who sneaked into the school grounds on Friday night and decorated the outside ready for the children coming to school on Monday. Thank you all who helped by donating the decorations or by putting them up. The children love them!



You have all been so generous with the gifts you have sent in for the 'Reverse Advent Calendar'. Your generosity has touched all our hearts. Thank you. We are only half way through the non uniform days and have such amazing things to turn into 'Christmas Eve Boxes' and 'Hampers'. Please if you know of anybody in the community who would benefit from a treat over Christmas let the office know. We now have plenty of toothpaste and toothbrushes but would be particularly appreciative of items such as small Christmas puddings, mince pies, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, sugar, slipper socks, pjs, small selection boxes.



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

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Our 'Virtual Advent Calendar' began last Sunday, the First Sunday of Advent. Each day you will see 2 minutes of action from children and adults across the whole school. There are lots 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 and on twitter @musicalstmarys



Unfortunately we are unable to hand out Christmas cards this year due to Covid 19 restrictions. Instead we are making sure that the children have opportunities to share lots of special activities in school which enables them to share their Christmas wishes with each other. We are also planning a few extra treats with the PTA.



Congratulations to the children in Year 6 who have been trained as Sport Leaders. The training involved learning lots of new things and they are ready to lead others in these different activities.

Well done to them all!

The weather has been a little trickier for us all this week but thank you for persevering and being on time with your children. It is very much appreciated. Sadly, it has also had a knock on effect to the parking in the roads around school. We have been in touch with 'BCP Parking Operations Department' They suggested if we notice a vehicle parked in contravention of the parking restriction to telephone 01202 262157 and press option 2. Their officers will respond as quickly as possible depending on resources available at the time.



This weeks the 'House Points' were:

Red 159 **Yellow 150**

Blue 141 **Green 176**

Sarah Watts from the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) has sent a date for a 'Lockdown Lowdown' session, a virtual coffee morning- so that parents can come together and chat with regard to their concerns, whatever they may be. The poster has been sent separately earlier this week but hopefully lots of you will be able to attend next Thursday 10th December between 11.30am -12.30pm.

Yours faithfully,

Helen Armstrong

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Headteacher

