



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

*Headteacher: Mrs Helen Armstrong
Diocese of Plymouth*

26th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am very pleased to share with you our plans for September. We have been fortunate that Plymouth CAST have appointed Mr Thomas as the Deputy Head Teacher and we all look forward to him continuing in this role. We are also pleased that Miss Dudley has accepted the role of permanent class teacher after a successful NQT year.

We are blessed with experienced teachers at St Mary's who continually strive to do the best for all our children. As the end of term is fast approaching and I wanted to reassure you that we are making lots of plans for the return of all the children in September. At the moment we are working with the original term dates of the children returning on the 3rd September but we may have to adjust this if we have to have staggered starts etc.

The teachers are all working incredibly hard in school supporting the bubbles in addition to supporting the home learning. We still meet weekly to review and discuss the way forward. This week we are looking at transition and how this can be done to support all the children.

The teachers for the new classes in September are currently trying to record videos during their busy days which will be shared with the children. I wanted to reassure you that if your child is not in school they have not been forgotten and we are trying to put plans in place to offer them the best support. However, we are still waiting for the finer detail of exactly what this will look like and the arrangements for it. All I can say is thank you for your patience with this.

We really cannot wait to have all the children back to school in September and the teachers have been planning great things for the new term. We have made a few changes to the year groups for the new academic year and all the teachers are looking forward to sharing their plans with you all. As in previous years we have the opportunity to make some changes to the classes going into Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5. This enables us to ensure that the make-up of each class works for each and every child. We will email the parents and carers of these year groups on Monday to confirm which class their child will be in after the summer break.

On the next page you can see our year groups for next year.

**Early Years Leader and Read Write Inc
Leader – Miss O'Donoghue**

FS2 teachers – Mrs Mundy and Miss
O'Donoghue



Key Stage One Leader – Mrs Hemsil

Year 1 teachers – Mrs Evans and Mrs Lovell



Year 2 teachers – Mrs Eddy and Mrs Hemsil



Lower Key Stage Two Leader – Miss Shaw

Year 3 teachers – Miss Dudley and Miss Shaw



Year 4 teachers – Miss Howard and Mrs Watts



Upper Key Stage Two Leader – Miss Lindsay

Year 5 teachers – Mr Lakatos and Mrs Wrann



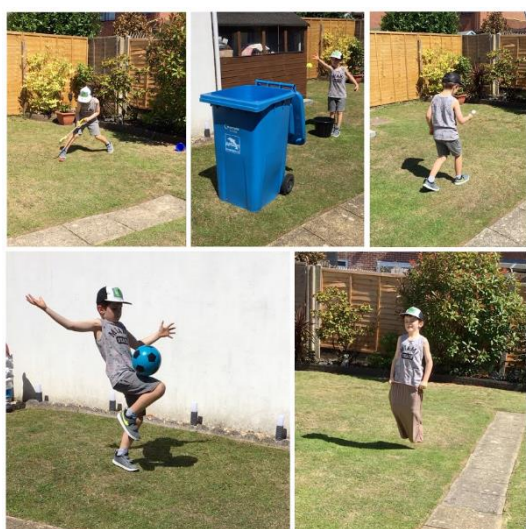
Year 6 Teachers – Miss Dann and Miss Lindsay



This week we have been awarded the 'School Games 2019-2020' this is for ongoing commitment and achievement to the School Games Programme during the Autumn and Spring Term. Our special thanks go to our hard working bronze ambassadors. Fatma and Archie are proudly sharing the certificate.



Hopefully during the lovely weather this week you have all had the opportunity to take part in the virtual sports day (I am still recovering!). Here are some great photos that have been sent in. We also had some super videos. Thank you for sharing.



Before we reach the end of term Mrs Reyes will be organising a Virtual Bake Off. If you have ever seen my cakes then you will know you are in for a great treat!

Last Friday we all had the opportunity to participate in the 'Virtual Big Sing 2020'. The Bubbles in school had great fun, some made tickets for attendance and others boogied away. It was amazing to sing with Jessie J and Kirstin Joy from Clean Bandit.



Y6 Leavers' Mass Online - Bishop Mark has kindly agreed to say a special Leavers' Mass on Friday 3rd July at 11am to unite all pupils in Year 6 across our Diocese and wish them well whether they take part at home with their families or in school with their friends. Everyone is welcome. Please tune in **LIVE** with your family via the Diocesan Website or YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8KUEwsXFK3VBLEfn4H1tBw/video>



This Monday 29th June we will celebrate Missio's Day of Many Colours. The children in school are allowed to wear bright colours to school. The special assembly will be posted in the Google Classrooms for you to share. If you could take part in the reaching out art activity and send a copy to school then I will tweet them throughout the day. This activity involves designing your own greeting for children around the world. If you would rather tweet them yourself then please copy in @stmaryspoole @MissioUk and #DOMC or #MissionTogether. Can we post the highest number of pieces of artwork in Plymouth Diocese? If you would like to make a donation to support Children Helping Children to provide education, nutrition, medical care and shelter for children living in poverty around the world then please visit the Mission website <https://missiontogether.org.uk/donate-now/>.

Please note for those children who are in school - we normally finish at 1.30pm on the last day of term but due to the need for staggered starts and finishes the Bubbles will finish at their normal time.

I am also sending apologies that there is also a delay to our diary dates this year as we do not know if we will be allowed to have gatherings etc. As soon as we know we will let you have the dates.



Finally, there is a new 500 words competition being launched on Monday to support the 'Black Lives Matter Campaign'. It is for children aged 5-13. Please visit the website <https://500words.me/> for more details. Good Luck!

Thank you for your patience and your continued support. If you need any help, support or advice please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school office and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

Helen Armstrong

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