



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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9th July 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the government announcement this week we have decided that our school restrictions will remain in place until we finish school on the 23rd July. We will then put in place our new arrangements ready for September. As mentioned in previous updates we will keep some of the changes that have occurred but will change others. We will share these arrangements with you, separately, once we are clear about the expectations on the school community, for September.



On the last day of term we are due to finish at 1.30pm. We would like to give our Year 6 children a big send off so we plan to line the route of them leaving school. Key Stage 2 children will line the route and we will play music. We would appreciate your support with loud rounds of applause please. Once Year 6 have left then the other year groups will follow. Our Foundation Stage children will be collected as normal from their playground.



You will have received notification of your child's new teacher this week. Next Friday the children will have the opportunity to meet them when the teachers will spend some time with their new class. There are no changes to teaching staff this year except for Mrs Evans who will be going on maternity leave in October. I cannot thank all the staff enough for all they have done this year. I am proud of everyone in our school family.



The good news is that we have had lots of applications for places at St Mary's for September. We are almost full in Foundation Stage with just a couple of places left in Year 1 and 2 if you know of anyone looking for a school place.



Thank you once again to all the parents and grandparents who helped us on our trips this week. Here are some photographs of the skipping and of crazy golf.



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We also had a message from a parishioner who spotted the children walking to Poole Park who said:

“She saw children from St Mary's going to play Crazy Golf a couple of times. She watched them walk down Birds Hill and then saw them while walking in the park and was very impressed by their behaviour and attitude. She said they were lively and obviously enjoying themselves but still well-behaved and sensible!”



Last week I shared with you the photographs of the rocks our children made to send to Magna Care Home in Wimborne as part of the intergenerational project. This week you can see the rocks that the residents themselves painted for 'Our World Rocks Project'



Here we have Ava painting a rock last week. Her Great Grandma, Catherine, was looked after very well in Magna Care Home.



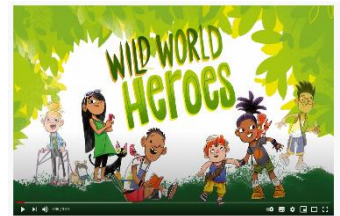
We were asked by the Diocese if our choir could provide a hymn which will be played at a special Mass held virtually at Plymouth Cathedral. If you would like to hear our Year 5 choir then please visit our website or Facebook site. Well done to them all, they sang beautifully.



God of the Poor (Beauty for brokenness)_St. Mary's.mp4



The library service has launched their Summer Reading Challenge this week. For more details you can watch a short video here <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=knGHZdbEXiw>. Any pupil can sign up at their local BCP library. It will be lovely to celebrate their success when they complete the challenge. Please send in their photographs to the school office (office@st-marys.poole.sch.uk).



Attached to the weekly update is some information about a camp running over summer at Upton Infants which may be useful to you.

We have been asked by Dorset Police (Road Casualty Reduction Division) to inform you that they have seen a rise in the use of Privately owned E-Scooters, it is important that anyone using these scooters are aware of the legal implications if found riding one on public land. Please see the attached leaflet of explanation.



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

Red - 453 Blue - 439 Green - 390 Yellow - 393

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Helen Armstrong'.

Helen Armstrong
Headteacher