



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

At the beginning of the week when we moved to the next stage in opening following the lockdown the government stressed that we must be 'cautious'. We are following this advice in school and the children will continue to work in "bubbles" in school. This means that separate playtimes, staggered starts and finish will continue a little while longer.

We were very pleased to welcome 3 new additions to our school family this week. The ducklings in our Foundation Stage hatched. I was very honoured to be asked to name one. I called him Donald. Can you guess which one he is?



We were thrilled to be offered the opportunity for the visit by 'Dr Bike' a service which is provided by BCP, via Tech Mech Services. It was great that so many of you took up the opportunity to have your child's bike serviced ready for the summer.



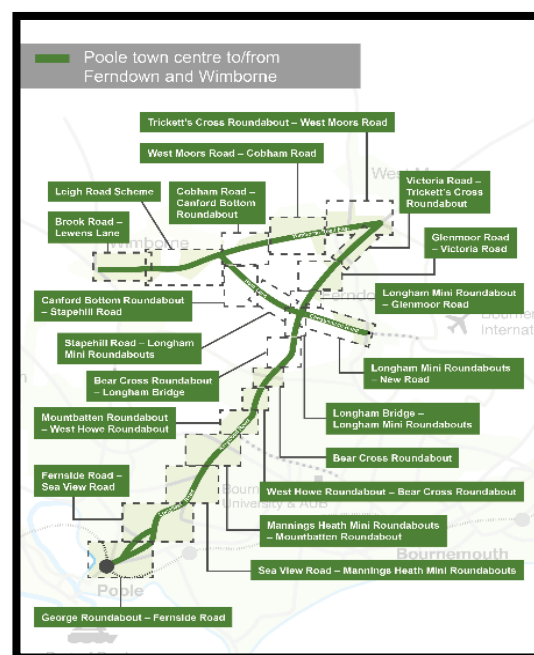
Staying on the topic of bikes we have been asked to share this information with you:

*Have YOUR say on new cycle and walking paths and bus improvements proposed for school children, families and local communities. Consultation on south east Dorset's Transforming Cities Fund's remaining two sustainable travel routes proposing major cycling, walking and bus improvements is now live. The two routes are the longest ones in the TCF programme, with 51km of green travel options being proposed, providing environmentally friendly, safer, and healthier journeys to education, work and leisure. Many of the proposed new cycle and walkways are near schools, encouraging children and families to walk, cycle or scoot rather than using the car, particularly for short journeys.*

Consultation is now live until 14 June and we're keen to hear from as many schools and parents as possible. You can view plans and complete a survey via

<https://haveyoursay.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/transforming-travel>

Your views matter.



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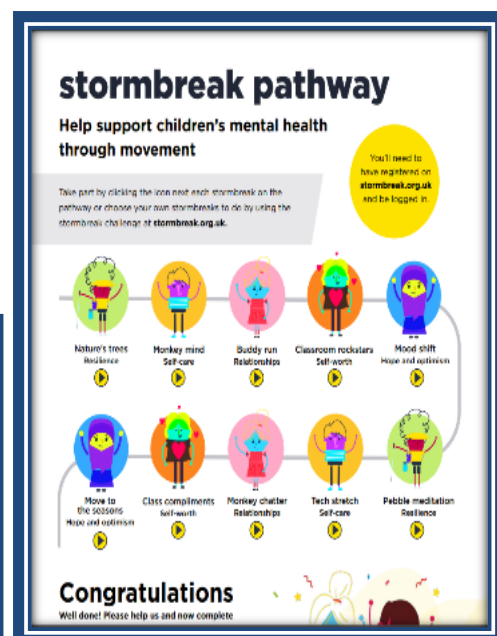
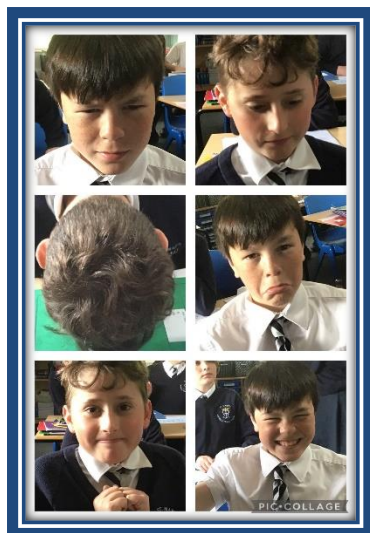
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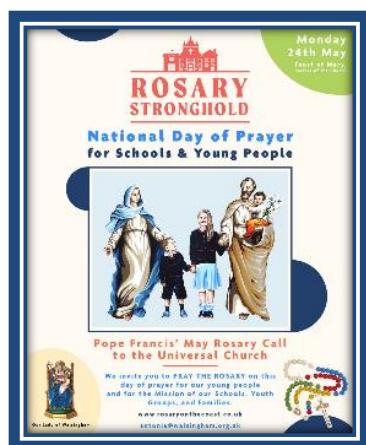
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**Stormbreak** aims to improve children's mental health through movement, equipping them with sustainable, transferable skills and coping strategies to thrive during the complex demands of growth into adult life. Over this week and next the children are participating in activities suggested by Stormbreak. We have been tweeting them as well so that you can even try them at home.

Here are Year 6 being trees and exploring different moods.



Monday it is the “Feast of Our Lady, Mother of the Church”. We will be joining all other schools in the Diocese of Plymouth by praying the rosary. If your child would like to bring in their rosary from home, they are most welcome.



I am delighted to share with you that Mrs Eddy will be leading our project to strengthen community connections with Care Homes. I am also delighted that one of our parents came forward to with an offer of the care home in which they work being interested in working on the project with us. I cannot wait to share more details with you as we build the project. If any of you would like to support the project please let us know.



Attached is a letter from Bishop Mark for young people in all of our Diocesan schools. At a meeting a few weeks ago, all the Bishops in England and Wales agreed they would write to our Young People, in the time leading up to Pentecost, especially on the Care of Creation, our Common Home.

The letter has been shared in school but I thought by sending it home as well it gives you an opportunity to discuss with your children and to help them to understand the message.



This week we had a phone call from one of our neighbours on Pound Lane who could not get out of her drive because a car had parked half way over. I said I would put a polite notice in the update to ask everyone to be considerate to our neighbours.

I know that none of you mean to do it and that parking places are tight but please try not to park over drives.

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

**Red 251 Blue 284 Green 255 Yellow 230**

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

*Helen Armstrong*

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