



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another super week at St. Mary's has been experienced by all and the teachers have been really impressed with how well the children are settling back to a full day in school. Miss Lindsay's class had a total of over 500 Housepoints this week and she said "my class have worked so hard this week, honestly they have been amazing!" What wonderful news! It shows me how hard you have worked with your children during the Lockdown so thank you.

With all the children and staff mixing together over the past 2 weeks we are finding that there are a few bugs around which have affected both staff and children. We hope that the Covid preventions such as hand washing and cleaning will help to keep these other bugs to a minimum. I know that some of the children are experiencing sore hands because they are washing them often. We do try to stick to the same hand wash but sometimes if the supplier has run out we are sent a different one. We will try our best to stick to just one type, we promise.

Please could I ask that you really try your best to stick to these four points at drop off and pick up:

- wear a face covering
- try to ensure only 1 parents brings or collects the children
- not enter the school grounds – if you need to speak to someone then please use the buzzer at the front entrance



Both myself and our Chair of Governors have had a conversation with a parent interested in joining our local governing board this week which is great news and we look forward to progressing with their application. We are also looking for a parent with a knowledge in education. If you have, please can I ask you to consider becoming a governor. If you would like to talk more about the role please let the office know.



Please don't forget to book a consultation with your child's teacher. Parent consultations will begin from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

F2	Mon & Weds 3:30-6:30pm	2H	Mon & Thurs 4:15-7:15pm	4W	Mon & Tues 3:30-6:30pm
1E	Mon & Thurs 3:30-6:30pm	3D	Tues & Thurs 4:00-7:00pm	5L/5W	Mon & Weds 3:30-6:30pm
1L	Tues & Thurs 4:00 – 7:00pm	3S	Mon & Weds 3:30-6:30pm	6D	Mon & Tues 3:30-6:30pm
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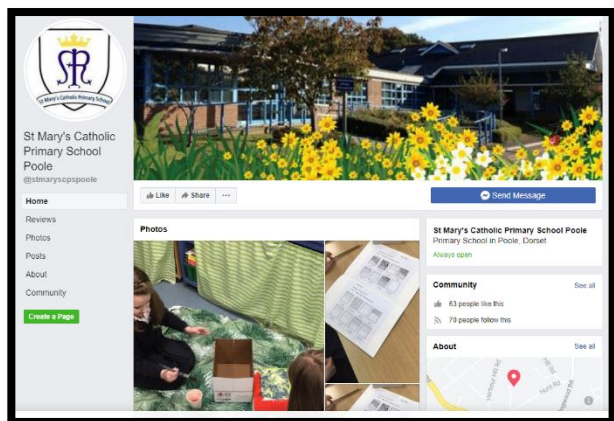
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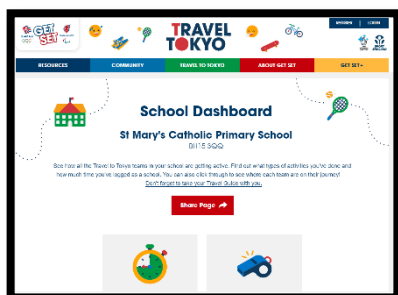


We now have 63 likes on our Facebook page . Thank you to all our new followers and thank you to the teachers for providing the information to populate the page. We hope you enjoy it.

We have also started an Instagram page @stmaryscpspoole if you would rather follow us on here we have 2 followers so far!



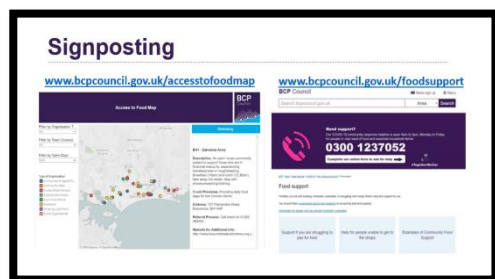
We have plenty of excellent quality dresses for the summer term, after the Easter holidays. The sizes range from age 5-13 years. Please contact the office if you could make use of them, some are brand new.



The Get Set Tokyo Challenge - each class is taking part in the challenge and we also have a staff school team. I am pleased to share with you that the school team is currently winning the race! Currently followed by the Blue whales, Dann's Dolphins and the Fin Whales. Don't forget to log your physical activity! Can you overtake the staff team? All you need to do having logged some form of activity is use the School name and post code and then go on to enter their results here: <https://www.getset.co.uk/travel-tokyo>

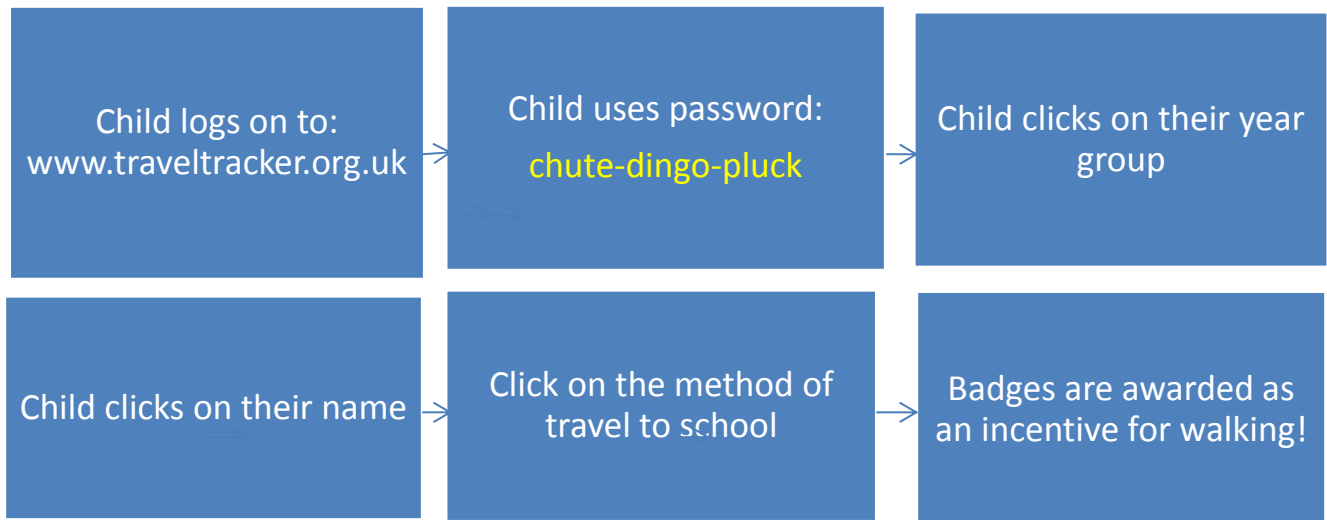


On Wednesday I attended a 'Community Food Info & Learning session' with BCP. They have devised the Access to Food Partnership charter and their vision is to create:



***'a Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole where everyone can feed themselves, and their family, nutritious food all of the time.'*** I have signed our school up to this charter. It has lots of different areas of support. Please do let us know if you need any help in accessing food as there is so much help out in the community. There is easy access via the food map – via this link: <http://www.dorsetrec.org.uk/bcp-council-the-access-to-food-map-is-up-to-date/>

We have also signed up to take part in the WOW walk to school challenge! All you need to do is login and record how your child travelled to school. Please visit the travel tracker website to record your travel details: [www.traveltracker.org.uk](http://www.traveltracker.org.uk) The idea is to try and walk as much as possible, even if you park 5 minutes away from school and walk the rest. It will also help to reduce traffic and help to solve our parking issues. Let's see if we can make a difference!



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



**Red – 452**

**Blue- 582**

**Green – 605**

**Yellow – 451**



This week we have used the prayer that Pope Francis wrote for Lent to help us through our Lenten journey.

Thank you for your support and, again, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need anything.

Yours faithfully,

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