



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to thank you for your support last Monday. I don't think we have ever experienced rain like it! It was torrential but you all helped as much as you could and I thank those of you who had to sit for hours in your car going nowhere! Hopefully summer is here to stay for a while now and we can enjoy the lovely sun shine.

Please remember that **we are due to finish at 1.30pm on Friday**. 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 bring out the speaker to 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.



Reports went home yesterday. I wanted to thank all the teachers for writing them and all the staff involved in making sure that they were ready to come home yesterday. It was great team work here in school. I hope you enjoy reading the reports and please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher if there is anything you want to check on or ask.



This morning the children met their new teachers for September and spent time with them. They all seemed really happy and the teachers are very excited for September.

We will be sending all the school books home next week with the children. **It would be helpful if you could send in a strong bag for them to carry them home.**



This week some have you have contacted me about the proposed road changes to Kingsbere Road, essentially making Kingsbere Road into a cul-de-sac. Your concerns are that this will make Pound Lane much busier with traffic and as a result it will be more dangerous for all our families that have to walk along and cross on Pound Lane. As a result, I have arranged a meeting for myself and the Chair of Governors with Councillor Felicity Rice on Tuesday. I will be asking her what her plans are to ensure the safety of our children and if they will be a crossing on Pound Lane. Whilst she is here I will also

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be asking about the puddle on the lane by the Foundation Stage gate and how we can make Hunt Road safer for the children. If there is anything else you would like me to bring up please let me know before Tuesday.

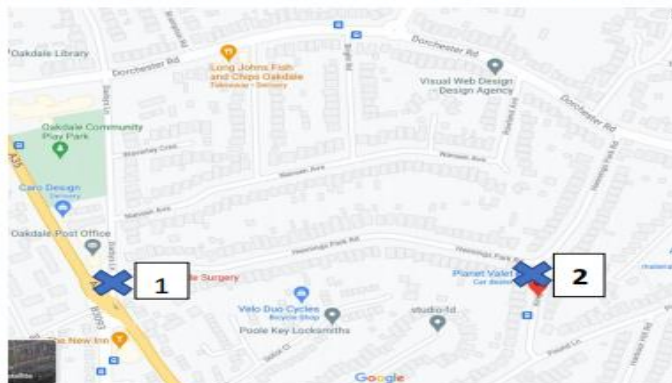
2) Kingsbere Road/Hennings Park Road proposed trial:

Following the introduction of several 'point closures' in Poole (e.g the one on Tatnam Road), 50% of households from Kingsbere Road submitted a request for a point closure to be introduced onto Kingsbere Road too. The residents suggested locating it at the point where Kingsbere Road meets Hennings Park Road (and the council transport team have supported this location):

1 = existing Darby's Lane point closure (planters)

2 = proposed location of Kingsbere Road point closure (planters)

This will mean moving the bus stops onto Pound Lane, and a slight detour (along Pound Lane) for the bus route. Other suggestions that have been considered are 'single yellow lines' and 'one-way'. The council's plan is for



If things continue to go to plan we will not need staggered start times in September. This will hopefully be the plan for the children when they return to school. These arrangements will be confirmed in September.

All the school gates will open at 8.45am.

FS2 and Year 1	will enter from the side gate into the playground to drop off.
Year 2	will come through the front gate by their classrooms.
Year 3	will come through the entrance gate and will enter school via the office.
Year 4	will come through the entrance gate and will walk around to their classrooms.
Year 5 and 6	will come in through the bottom gate and walk round the outside to get to their classrooms.

The children will be released from the same gates at 3.15pm.

We are really looking forward to a fun filled last week with the children with lots of sunshine.





Can you help? We have been set a summer challenge by our link care home 'Magna Care'. Over the holidays could you try some of these challenges then please could you send in photos or videos of the children completing the challenges (to office@st-marys.poole.sch.uk) and we will pass on to the Care Home.

Challenges:

Sing us a happy song!

How tall can you grow a sunflower?

Bake and decorate a cake

Show us your best sandcastle

I am pleased to share that there were lots of house points awarded this week, well done everyone!



Red - 350 **Blue - 344** **Green - 307** **Yellow - 322**

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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

Helen Armstrong
Headteacher