



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week once again there have been lots of changes to the guidelines that we all have to follow. I wanted to thank you all for remembering to socially distance outside of the school when waiting for your child. It is a great help that you are all arriving and leaving promptly. As of Monday you will notice a few changes within school. Plymouth CAST are directing that all staff and visitors in their primary schools to wear a face covering whilst outside the classroom in communal areas/corridors etc in the same way that they would in a shop or on public transport. This means that when the children arrive in school and are collected from the school the staff will be wearing face coverings. This important change has been shared with all the children today so that they are prepared for Monday.



On Wednesday the children that have been preparing for their First Holy Communion made their First Reconciliation.

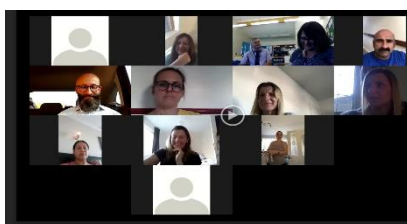
The feedback was that all the children were absolutely amazing.

Please can I ask that we all pray for the children as they participate in the sacrament.

Next week is "Sustrans Bike to School Week" from Monday 28 Sept to Friday 2 October. The children are welcome to ride their bikes to school and hopefully there will be enough room in the bike shed for them. Parents can sign up to find out more information <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/sign-up-to-receive-your-free-family-guide/> and there is also a competition for you to enter <https://www.sustrans.org.uk/our-blog/projects/2019/uk-wide/bike-to-school-week-family-competition/> Good Luck!



Thank you to those of you who attended the 'Information Evenings' for each year group on Monday via Zoom. The presentations and zoom videos have now been uploads onto the Google classroom for you to watch and read if you were unable to make it. Thank you for all the positive feedback.



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It is great to see so many children accessing the IXL from home. The children are talking about it very enthusiastically in school and we can already see that it is building confidence and developing curious learners, whilst boosting their academic potential with learning that is fun. Many children are sharing their certificates with us. Here is one for Alivia. Well done. I was extremely thrilled to receive a certificate on Wednesday evening that stated that all our children had completed over 40,000 questions. Extremely well done to all of you. Keep up the good work.



Happy Feast Day of St Vincent de Paul! This Sunday, 27th of September, is the feast day of St Vincent de Paul. You can join one of four Masses that are being held over the weekend. On Saturday 26th September we have two Masses at 12 noon and 2pm, then on Sunday 27th September we have Masses at 10am and 12 noon. You can join us by visiting the link here: <https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk> The SVP have produced some useful resources to help you reflect and learn more about the life of St Vincent de Paul. Life of St Vincent de Paul resource sheet:

https://www.svp.org.uk/sites/default/files/content/The%20Life%20of%20St%20Vincent%20de%20Paul_0.pdf Life of St Vincent de Paul recorded reflection: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rV1SI30ALL4&feature=emb_title

We had lots of wonderful designs back for the Christmas Card Project. We will collate them and send them off then you will receive an example of your card and you can decide how many to order. The PTA really appreciate the funds that are raised from this project and I am sure that you will all help them to raise lots of money. Thank you



The weather has been a little different this week and as a result we have had more rain than we have been used to, Autumn has arrived! Please can I ask that from now on the children bring a warm waterproof jacket or rain coat with them each day. We really are trying to use the outdoors as much as possible.



Thank you once again for all your support this week.

Yours faithfully,

Helen Armstrong

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