



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again this week there has been a lot of speculation in the press about what will happen in schools in September. I am sure that you will not be shocked to hear that we have heard nothing in school yet. As soon as we have a clear understanding of the expectations then I will share the news with you. Thank you for your patience.

You will also be aware that the number of positive cases in BCP are rising rapidly and last week they doubled from the week before. The impact in school is that we have more children self-isolating due to being in close contact with a positive case. We continue to pray that we manage to avoid positive cases in school but if we do we will follow the required procedures.

 **hands**  **face**  **space**  **If you're stood up cover up**

Here is a reminder of the term dates and inset days (school closure for staff training) for next academic year as a few people have been asking:

End of summer term 2021 – 23rd July 2021 1:30pm

Autumn Term – 2nd September -17th December 2021

Half term – 25th – 29th October 2021

Christmas Holiday starts – 20th December 2021

Spring Term starts – 3rd January 2022

Half Term - 21 February 2022 to 25 February 2022

Easter Holiday - 11 April 2022 to 22 April 2022

Summer Term - 25 April 2022 to 22 July 2022

Half Term - 30 May 2022 to 3 June 2022

Summer Holidays – start 25 July 2022

INSET 1 **Monday 20th
September 2021**

INSET 2 **Monday 1st
November 2021**

INSET 3 **Monday 28th
February 2022**

INSET 4 **Monday 25th April
2022**

INSET 5 **Monday 6th June
2022**

Last week you saw the wonderful Year 2 photos of the trip to Scaplens Court. We had a lovely message from Pirate G this week!



Hello there from Captain G,

I would just like to say how lovely the two groups of pirates that sailed with me this week were. They were excellent pirates and conducted themselves so well even when lunch time came and there was no food to be had apart from ship's biscuits!

Keep up the fine work.

Yours

Captain G :)

The Ship,

Poole Museum.

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all the parents that are helping us on our trips at the moment. This week we have had children go to the 'Crazy Golf' in Poole Park and our Year 6 children have had the opportunity to try 'Paddle Boarding' at Rockley Park. They all had a wonderful time but it could not have happened without your support. Thank you.



We also had some lovely feedback from a parent regarding the Year 4 trip to Poole Park mini golf.

It was lovely to see the Year 4s excited to go on their trip to Crazy Golf on Tuesday, they were a credit to Miss Howard's organisation and they all looked so happy to be enjoying some fun out of school.



With your help we have been able to support Magna Care Home in Wimborne as part of the intergenerational project. They were painting rocks for 'Our World Rocks Project'. On Tuesday a number of teachers stayed behind to paint some rocks. Then Mrs Eddy worked with a group of Year 2 children at lunchtime. We were also very fortunate that you kindly sent in some rocks that you had painted at home. Thank you for your contributions. We hope that care home will send us photos of the finished area.



Here is Jacob in Year 2 painting his rocks at home. Also Georgia (year 4), May (year 2) and Joseph (FS2) well done for painting 15! We also have Codey (4W), Natalia (4H) and Adam (1E) and Flo (6L) The middle bottom picture shows the rocks that were made in school this week.



I have noticed that more and more children are not wearing the correct PE Kit on PE days (Football shirts are NOT allowed!). Please can I remind you that the children must wear a coloured t-shirt for their house



colour and preferably navy blue shorts, if they are already wearing black shorts they are acceptable for now. If they are wearing a tracksuit this also needs to be plain navy blue. In September we will be continuing with the children wearing PE Kit on PE days but we will be insisting that it is part of the uniform and they must wear the correct colours. We will be updating our uniform policy to clarify this in future. Thank you for your support.



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

Red – 528 Blue - 483 Green – 554 Yellow – 453



Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Helen Armstrong

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