



# St Mary's C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Go, shine in the world and live as Jesus lived, with compassion, honesty and integrity.



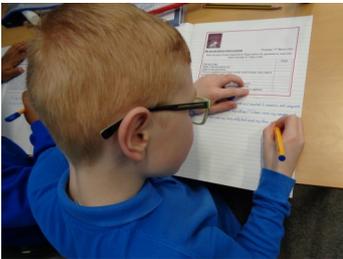
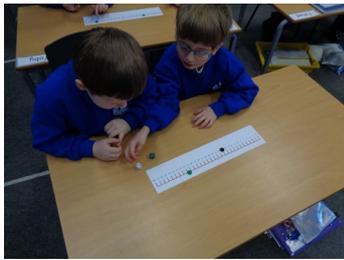
Dear Parents and carers,

What an absolute pleasure it was to welcome the children back to school this week. Thank you for continuing to socially distance, and help to keep everyone safe, when you are collecting your children at the end of the school day. Please remember to wear a mask, unless you are medically exempt.

We were reminded this week that classes are still likely to be sent home from time to time due to positive coronavirus cases. We understand that this is not what we wanted to happen so soon after the children returned to school, but we must follow law and guidance from Public Health to help stop transmission of the coronavirus.

With best wishes, Mr Webb and Mrs. Jackson

Children have settled back into learning together in their classrooms really well.



## Rapid Covid Tests available for all families

Parents and carers of school age children are being offered free rapid, lateral flow tests if they are not showing any symptoms.

This is to help stop the spread of coronavirus. Around one in three people with coronavirus have no symptoms so by booking regular tests you're helping to protect yourself and others.

Book a free, rapid lateral flow tests at one of the seven community test sites open in Camden. Book online: [Camden.gov.uk/rapidtest](https://www.camden.gov.uk/rapidtest) or check the [NHS Test and Trace Map](#) to find your closest COVID-19 test centre.

You can book to collect home test-kits for pick-up from the NHS test centre open at Kingsgate Community Centre from 1.30pm - 7.30pm every day.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. You will have a result within half an hour.

Children of Primary school age (with no symptoms) are not being asked to take regular tests.

## Camden Mental Health Support Team webinars for parents...

Parents/carers can register for any of the 60 minute webinars listed below through Eventbrite (for free) at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/140783959613>.

Topic	Day and Date	Time
Parent/Carer and Child interactions	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2021	12-1 pm 1-1.20 pm -Q&A
Routines	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2021	12-1 pm 1-1.20 pm -Q&A

## Important dates for your diary.....



**Friday 19th March—Red Nose Day**—School will donate to Comic Relief by giving pupils a Red Nose

**Tuesday 23rd March 10.00am**—Relationship and sex education information session for parents (on Zoom)

**Monday 29th March 2.45pm**—Holy Week service from St Mary's Church (on Zoom)

**Wednesday 31st March**—last day of term

**Thursday 1st April—Friday 16th April**—Easter break

**Monday 19th April**—Pupils back to school to start the summer term.

**Monday 31st May—Friday 4th June**—School closed for Half Term break.

**Monday 7th June**—INSET Day—school closed for staff training—**NEW**

**Friday 9th July**—Academic Review Day—School open for parent-teacher meetings only

**Friday 23rd July**—End of Summer term

## **Starting the school day**

To help with social distancing in the morning we operate a 'soft start' where we open the gates at 8.45am for children to come in to school. The children go straight to class and have time to put their coat away, say hello to their teachers and practise skills such as counting, spellings or times tables - this is an extra learning opportunity in their school day.

This helps children to be settled and calm to start the day. Children don't like rushing in late to their class and seeing that everyone else is already there.

Please make sure that children arrive at school by 8.55am, so that they are ready for their maths or reading lesson when it starts at 9am.

## **Work of the Week...**

Every week a fantastic piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby (next to the office).

Reception have been reading 'Jack and the Beanstalk' and learning about growing. They acted out the story and planted cress seeds.



Anaya has retold the story using her phonics to sound out and blend the words. She has also used capital letters and full stops.



**Well done Anaya!**

## **What to do if your child develops symptoms of coronavirus**

If your child is displaying symptoms of coronavirus at home or is sent home by the Head of school with coronavirus symptoms, you must arrange a test for them immediately and inform the school of the result.

Children displaying symptoms will not be able to return to school without being tested.

- 1) To arrange a test you should visit [nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test](https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test)
- 2) **DO NOT WAIT!** Your child should be tested on the same day they are showing symptoms, or the next day at the latest.
- 3) Please let the Head of School (Mr Webb) know immediately when you receive the result of your child's coronavirus test by calling the school office on **0207 372 6565**
- 4) If your child tests positive for coronavirus, you will receive a text, email or phone call from NHS that explains what your result is and what you need to do next.
- 5) If your child tests negative for coronavirus, your child can return to school.

The most important symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19)



new and continuous cough

or



high temperature

or



loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

## **Our prayer...**



Lord,  
Thank-you for loving me.

Help me to grow closer to you.  
Help me to follow in your footsteps  
and grow to be the best person that I can be.

May your words be on my lips and in my heart.

**Amen**