



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,

Thank you for your donations for non-uniform day today. We raised £220 for charity fundraising which will go towards our ongoing donations to sponsor a child's education through the charity Plan International.

On Monday at 2.45pm, St Mary's church will be leading a Holy Week service on Zoom for children in their classrooms. Parents are invited to join us as well. A text message was sent out today with the information to join us on Zoom for the service. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

With best wishes, Mr Webb and Mrs. Jackson



Reception have been sounding out words on their 'Fred fingers' before they write. They have also been drawing pictures of our school.



Year 4 have been learning to add and subtract fractions with mixed numbers.

Year 5 have been interviewing each other and acting as characters from their book 'Kensuke's Kingdom'.



On Tuesday, the whole school participated in the 'National Day of Reflection' to mark the first anniversary of the first 'Coronavirus lockdown restrictions in the UK. The children had time with their teachers praying for all those who have experienced and had their lives affected by Coronavirus. St Mary's staff are very appreciative of all your support during this time and are very proud of the resilience our children have shown.



The children's A&E at University College Hospital will **REOPEN** from 9am on **Thursday 8 April** and the children's A&E at the Royal Free Hospital will **REOPEN** from 9am on **Monday 12 April**

If your child is under 18 years old and needs urgent healthcare, call NHS 111 or visit 111.nhs.uk to find your nearest children's A&E.

For life-threatening emergencies, call 999 immediately.



Online safety and mobile phones

Many children tell us that they regularly use Whatsapp for group chats. They also tell us that they use social media apps such as TikTok and talk to others while gaming online.

A report last year found that '*most parents were unaware of what their child viewed online or on their mobiles*'. The report found that '*young children were often accidentally exposed to adult material through Whatsapp or TikTok*'.

A BBC News report this week found that '*Grooming often begins on social-media and gaming platforms, before offenders encourage children on to video-chat or livestreaming services where the abuse then escalates*'.

We have found at school that the most regular source of arguments and bullying happens through Whatsapp, TikTok and gaming sites while children are at home.

As a parent you will want to keep your child safe and be responsible for managing your child's behaviour online. You must read your child's messages on mobiles and gaming sites every day and delete social media apps like TikTok which have a minimum age rating of 13.

Important dates for your diary.....



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

Rapid Covid Tests available for all families

All parents can take regular, quick Covid tests if you have no symptoms.

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.

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

Work of the Week...

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

Year 2 are reading *Man on the Moon: a Day in the life of Bob* by Simon Bartram.

Malika researched facts about the moon and then narrated the story when the class acted it out.

She has retold the story using similes and adjectives for description.

Well done Malika!



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...

Father of love,
as we walk up our
mountain this Lent,
help us in our prayers,
in the silence of our hearts,
to know we are loved.
Help us to see with the eyes of
compassion,
so that we become aware of the needs
of others.
Amen

