



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to begin by thanking you all for your support since the return to school on the 8th March. We are so pleased as a school to have made it to another half term. Following a Zoom meeting with BCP on Wednesday we are being advised that being 'cautious' is the best way forward.

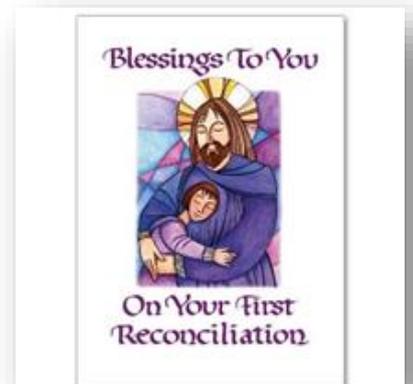
We will continue with our 'Bubbles' until the end of the summer term which will mean continuing with the staggered starts and finishes and then we will follow advice for September. Thank you to you all for your support with this and for making it work for everyone. We will be having an enrichment week in June which will include sports days for each bubble, and art and music days. We will hold these in school but will make sure that we send videos and photographs home so that you have the opportunity to see what a fun time all the children have.

We are also hoping to arrange educational visits for the children. The teachers are busy examining COVID Risk Assessments for different places and going to visit to understand the logistics of how to ensure the safety of all the children. Each year group will let you know about their plans but please be assured that a full risk assessment will be in place for all activities.



The school photographer has been booked for the 14th June. We are asking that all children come in 'Full School Uniform' that day and that if they have PE they just bring a pair of trainers with them. The photographer will take individual photographs of all the children and then he will make collages using the individual photos to make a class collage. You will then be able to login to buy these if you wish.

Twenty-five of our children in Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 participated in their 'First reconciliation' on Wednesday evening. Congratulations to them all.



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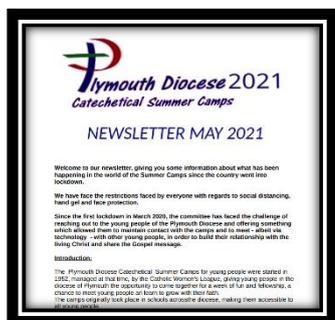
Our Year 5 and Year 6 children had the opportunity to participate in 'Bikeability' this week. This training programme is very intense and the children had to work very hard to pass the different levels. Very well done to them all.



Last Monday we celebrated the "Feast of Our Lady, Mother of the Church". Here is May with her Rosary and Andrew prayed the Rosary in Malayalam.



Here are some photographs of the children in our after school club, Night Owls, having great fun. If you wish to book your child into after school club please email the office for details.



Attached is a letter about the Plymouth Diocese summer camps which you may wish your child to become involved with.



After half term we are hoping that the weather will remain beautiful and sunny. Please can I ask that you supply your child with a hat, a bottle of water and suncream. Also just a reminder that we are a 'Healthy School' so the children should only be bringing fruit and vegetables for their snack.



There is some very useful on the NSPCC website with regard to when it may be safe to leave a child at home alone, here is the link and I have attached the leaflet to this email for those of you with older children.

<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Flearning.nspcc.org.uk%2Fresearch-resources%2Fleaflets%2Fhome-alone->

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

Red - 391

Blue - 439

Green - 330

Yellow - 378

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

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