

# St Mary's Catholic First School Newsletter



26<sup>th</sup> March 2021



Dear Parents

We have had a great week at St Mary's.

This week I interviewed pupils from Year 2 who had applied to become part of the Pupil Chaplaincy Team. They will help with Liturgies & Mass at St Mary's, prayers for our community and Parish as well as liaising with Father Barry & the residents at Culliford House Residential Home. They are very proud to be part of this team & had their photo taken by our Gospel Values mural.



Please also see our photos of our Branches of Love & St Mary's Citizens. Well done to all of them, we are proud of you.



## Laudato Si Day

Next Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March, we are having our Annual Laudato Si Day. The focus is to take care of our common world. We will be trying our best to:

Think deeply  
Live wisely  
Love generously



All classes will be working within our school grounds in their bubbles to improve our environment.

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Please can children come to school in old home clothes suitable for gardening/forest school activities on this day.

The weather forecast at the minute is fine, however, if it suddenly changes we will rearrange for a date after Easter.

We will also be having a special liturgy on this day, called Rainbow reflection, children will share prayers which are reflective of the challenges of the last 12months.

Rainbows of Reflection



**Red hand prints** = A prayer for family

**Orange person** = A prayer for friends

**Yellow sunshine** = A prayer for brighter days ahead

**Green question mark** = A prayer of thanks for what we have learned

**Blue teardrop** = A prayer for someone who we've lost

**Purple heart** = A prayer of thanks for the heroes of the pandemic

**Pink stars** = A prayer of thanksgiving for something we are proud of

## Eyes of the World Campaign – CAFOD

This week our Year 4 pupils drew eyes and learnt about CAFOD's campaign 'Eyes of the World', about the climate crisis & how it is affecting poorer communities. Some of our First Holy Communion children filmed a short video of them holding their drawing which will be added to a video full of children holding their 'eyes'. If you would like to find out more, please go to:

<https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/National-assemblies>

Here are a few photos of Year 4's drawings



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member of the Coram team and learn about healthy eating, exercise, their bodies, etc. If you would like to know more about the Life Bus, please see the letter attached or visit:

<https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/>



## Return to St Mary's parent questionnaire

Please would you be kind enough to complete a 'Return to School parent questionnaire' for St Mary's, the link is in the newsletter email or click on:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf6RCbUWJe8W3QSn\\_Nfw2OOHODJT\\_8njibGyokN6TGLRS9k1A/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf6RCbUWJe8W3QSn_Nfw2OOHODJT_8njibGyokN6TGLRS9k1A/viewform?usp=sf_link)



## Parking around St Mary's

We have had a phone call from a concerned parent about the parking on the road at the top of St Mary's, please can we remind parents to park thoughtful and safety around the school.



For information, the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra are releasing some short films introducing children to the different sections of the orchestra, including body percussion activities to do. They are free to access, but you have to sign-up to get access.

## Coram Life Bus

The Life Bus is returning to St Mary's in April (21<sup>st</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>) albeit virtually this year. Each class will have a session with a

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For more information, click below:

[https://bsolive.com/press-releases/explore-the-orchestra-this-spring/?fbclid=IwAR2HrPzyhGhXN9n03TYeU-pOC52sJa\\_uioTE\\_AFjNaXyMHNbLfnAkfoY15l](https://bsolive.com/press-releases/explore-the-orchestra-this-spring/?fbclid=IwAR2HrPzyhGhXN9n03TYeU-pOC52sJa_uioTE_AFjNaXyMHNbLfnAkfoY15l)

## Update to guidance for parents

DfE has updated guidance on [what parents need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during COVID-19](#).

The guidance now includes information on returning to boarding school from overseas, including arrangements for pupils to quarantine on arrival in the UK. **It also provides additional information to support parents considering elective home education for their child.**

DfE has also published a collection of [guidance providing information for parents and carers](#) of children attending early years settings, schools and colleges during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

This collection brings together information and guidance for parents on:

- essential information for the spring term
  - coronavirus (COVID-19) testing
  - clubs and out-of-school settings
  - home schooling and remote education
  - support for children and young people

Have a good weekend.

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