



St Mary's Catholic School

'Growing together in Knowledge, Faith and Love'

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3rd July 2020

Dear Parents / Carers

It is so lovely to see our children starting to come back into school. All of the children so far have settled back in really well despite the changes to their usual school routine. We look forward to welcoming the other children in next week as part of their transition. Please could you ensure that for their visit your child is wearing their school uniform and they do not bring anything into school with them. The final transition date will be an opportunity for your child to meet their new class teacher. Next Friday end of year reports will go out to parents, these will reflect your child's attainment and progress up to the Spring term. They will also include information about next year's teachers. Having received, yesterday, government guidance about September as soon as we have formalised our plans we will inform you.

If you have borrowed one of the schools ipads, please could you ensure they are back in school for Monday 20th July as they are being serviced over the summer holidays.

We will soon be completing the register for free school meals over the school holiday. If you think you are eligible, please could you sign up asap to receive the food voucher as we need to have confirmation from county before we can add you to the list:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals/cornwall>

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

Income Support

income-based Jobseeker's Allowance

income-related Employment and Support Allowance

support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

the guaranteed element of Pension Credit

Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Many thanks for your continued support,

Best wishes

Demelza Bolton.



Star of the Week



Class 1: Oliver
Class 2: Jaxon
Class 3: Esme
Class 4: Elsa
Class 5: Leland
Class 6: Jack

Leavers Mass

On Tuesday 21st July, all children in school will be attending a leavers mass in their classroom at 10am via the link below. If you would like to join us from your home, please follow the link.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC8KUEwsXFK3VBLEfn4H1tBw>

Mass will be opening up again this weekend, please see below for information:

CHURCHES OPEN AGAIN FOR MASS.

The Health & safety of each and every one is paramount. Please be aware and respectful of each other in our church buildings. You will see this is not a simple "return to things as normal", and the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays is still suspended, so if you feel vulnerable there is no obligation. We shall need to keep an eye on how many we can accommodate, as social distancing must be applied. In all cases come prepared with a face covering or mask, so that if necessary we can go for 1 metre+ Please only attend 1 Sunday Mass, and I suggest that you come to the Mass you usually attended, prior to lockdown. Hands MUST be properly sanitised on entry by alcohol based gel. The Stewards will deal with this. (If you wish to have your own gel, that is fine, but the stewards will need to see it applied when you enter.) This is essential. Until further instruction is given on singing, there will be no congregational singing at Mass. No Mass books or Hymn books will be used. If the newsletter is available, with the readings and parts of the Mass printed on it, YOU pick up and take home or put in the bin after. They are not to be reused by others. The upholstered arm chairs cannot be used, nor cushions or any books or papers. In St Ives and Penzance the lower floors are out of bounds. Those toilets cannot be used. In Pz the outside toilet in emergency will be unlocked. Please place your collection money in the baskets on entry and this must be overseen by the stewards for security. If it helps, you can pay directly into the bank. Speak to Fr P or Christine about this, as it is important to our parish running costs. A sincere thanks to all who have continued to support us with their collection gift during the lockdown. Holy Communion will be given in silence and on the hand only, with the communicant standing, and avoiding any physical contact. People should wait in their pews until instructed to move forward to the priest for Holy Communion by the stewards. Always be aware of social distancing in the orderly queue. When you approach the priest do so with arms at "full stretch" so that there is a good distance between the priest and communicant. Your hands, palms upwards, one on top of the other, should be extended as flatly as possible. Having received Holy Communion move back to your pew in an orderly and socially spaced manner. (Bishop Mark is most concerned for all his priests, esp. those over 70, which is both of us!)

Dates for the Diary

2020/21 In- Service Training Days are:

Thursday 3rd September 2020

Friday 4th September 2020

Monday 2nd November 2020

Monday 22nd February 2021

Monday 7th June 2021

All pupils back to school on 7th September 2020