



Update Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March  
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## THE BACK TO SCHOOL EDITION!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure that you, like me, are eagerly looking forward to full school reopening next Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March. However, it's only natural that, although they're excited, some children might be a little bit nervous about coming back. With this in mind, our first few weeks back will be all about getting back into routines and showing children just how much fun learning can be. Staff are working hard to develop a set of exciting activities that will stretch the children's learning while also recognising the time spent at home. If you do have any particular concerns about your child's well-being please do let their class teacher know or use our well-being email: [wellbeing@stmarys916.herts.sch.uk](mailto:wellbeing@stmarys916.herts.sch.uk)



## Happy St David's Day!

In today's Collective Worship we learned about St David, the Patron Saint of Wales.

### Did you know?

Saint David is also known as Dewi Sant in Welsh.

- Saint David was a vegetarian – he never ate meat.
- It is believed that he only ever ate leeks. He only drank water too!
- Legend has it that Saint David could perform miracles!

It is said that Saint David was preaching to a large crowd of people. The people at the back couldn't hear him. He made the ground below him form into a hill so that the people at the back could hear and see him better!

### Back to school:

Don't worry if your child has outgrown their uniform or doesn't have school shoes, just try and make them look as 'St Mary's ish' as possible. We will be serving hot school lunches from Monday so please take a moment to look at the website and check what's available.

### Parent Consultations:

We will be holding telephone parent consultations on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March. These will focus on your child's well-being, lockdown and learning and suggestions to help them get 'back on track' in their Maths and English learning. Bookings will open next week.

### Coffee and catch-up:



Tomorrow morning (Tuesday) at 10.30 a.m. I will be hosting another virtual coffee morning. This will be an opportunity for parents to catch-up with each other, check how things are in school and ask any questions about next week's reopening. All are very much welcome!

### Super Sports at St Mary's:

As part of 'Feel Good Week', everyone received a skipping rope or a ball. To celebrate this, I have created a 'Skipping School' Google Classroom! This is for those who are interested in learning how to skip and tricks. A code for the classroom will be placed on your class streams. Workout Wednesday's have also been great, with the last one being this Wednesday. Let's make it the best one yet!

Last week we started our school's virtual Travel to Tokyo and we have done amazingly well! Together we have already travelled to Brazil and have exercised for over a total of 970 hours! Well done to everyone who has logged their activity and continue to get active.

When we return to school, 'Chance to Shine' cricket coaching are coming to coach Years 2, 3, 4 and 6 cricket as part of one of their PE lessons! This is very exciting and I am sure the classes will enjoy the experience.

*Miss Gill*



### Fake News:

As part of our Safer Internet Day activities the children learned about fake news and the potential problems this can cause. See if you can spot the fake stories in Miss Gray's alternative newsletter!

