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Dear Parents

I'm sure you will have all heard that guidance was released yesterday about the new school year and I'm pleased to confirm that St Mary's, St Mary's Haycorns and KidsZone will all open fully in September.

Many changes to the "running" of St Mary's since June 1st will remain in place to ensure the safety of our children and staff. **Further details will come to you before the start of September.**

Please see attached a copy of Term Dates for 2020-2021, as part of the DASP Pyramid all families will have a two week half term in October. Please note that the remaining INSET dates will differ slightly to local schools as we are also part of Plymouth CAST.

We hope the children enjoyed receiving the videos yesterday from their new Class Team, as a staff we are very excited about everyone being back together in September. Please remember to email your "All about me" transfer information forms back directly to the new Teacher. All of the transfer day videos are also on the school website accessible from the home page under 'Transfer Day 2020 videos'.

We've had positive feedback from Year 4 pupils who had the opportunity to meet their new Tutors briefly at St Osmund's yesterday. Please remember to check Mrs Pegram's emails about transition and revisit these during the holidays, it will help prepare the children for Year 5.

We are delighted to be able to welcome Year 4 back for an afternoon in the last week of term to say a St Mary's goodbye.

Well done to all our children who have been Mystery Readers, you should all be very "Proud Peacocks".



Thank you to our Year 3 children for writing fantastic Buddy letters, they were of a high standard. We look forward to Year 3 becoming St Mary's Leaders in September. We're sure, the younger children will enjoy receiving the letters and getting a little insight into life at school.

School reports will be either posted on Monday next week or given to children who are in school. We do believe we have the list of duplicate reports that are required for families, please email in if you do not think you are on this list and should be.

If you would like to send in your child/parents' comments on the reports, please again, send these by email.

We were asked this week about gifts for teachers at the end of term, we recognise that you are all very kind and overly generous year after year but on behalf of the whole team we would ask that due to the unfamiliar world we are living in and financial strains that are upon so many in our community that you do not buy any staff gifts. Staff do always appreciate a card with kind words as a keepsake. **It's a pleasure to have your children as part of our St Mary's community.**

Home learning next week focuses on keeping children safe in a variety of ways including online. Please can we ask that you reinforce this message at home.

Thank you as always for your continued support and patience, to all you Parents, struggling with home learning, next week is your penultimate week, you can do it!

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

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Mrs Paula Fearn  
**Head Teacher**