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Dear Parents

It is fantastic news that we will be able to welcome your children back fully to St Mary's from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, I am sure you will be relieved and excited to have them back at school.

However, we appreciate that some children and parents may be anxious about returning to school and the control measures that we have in place at St Mary's. Therefore, next week we will be sharing with you our updated Risk Assessment along with videos of how the school day will work.

It has been amazing that so many of our children have been taking part in the 'Walk for Water' to support the work of CAFOD. As St Mary's is supporting CAFOD's 'Walk for Water', we have set up a justgiving page so that if you have been able to raise any donations, these can be sent direct to CAFOD. Many thanks for taking part, we are proud of you, the justgiving link is:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/St-Mary-s-Dorchester>

### **World Book Day**

You should have received information through your child's Google Classroom about how we will celebrate World Book Day next week. On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March we ask that your child takes part in our "Shelfie activity" and our "Mystery reader" activity. The "Shelfie" is where your child has their photograph taken in front of their bookshelf at home or their favourite shelf of books. We then ask that you send the photo to the class teacher with permission that we can print it out and use it as part of a school wide display in the library.



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The "Mystery reader" activity is where your child puts a mask on and reads their favourite short story. We ask that you film the reading and send it to the class teacher. The class teacher will then post the readings onto Google Classroom and see how many of their friends can work out who the mystery reader is! Staff will also be taking part. We will post videos of the staff as mystery readers on the school website from next Thursday to see if the children can guess who the mystery reader is!

For Friday 12th March, when we are all back at school, we are going to have a fun filled day of celebrating books, authors and the love of reading. For this day we ask that your child comes to school dressed as either a book character or as a word (e.g. your child could have the word "rainbow" attached to their colourful clothes or have the word "water" attached to a cut out of a water droplet). We hope that your child joins in with these activities and we are looking forward to sharing this special day with them.

I hope you have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely

*P. Fearn*

Mrs Paula Fearn  
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