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Dear Parents

We have had a good week at St Mary's, the children have had wonderful learning experiences, including PE and Forest School.

This week we have been voting for our student voice representatives, as we have been exploring British Values; each class have selected their representatives. Our Reception class will be joining our student voice in the new year. Our new council reps are:

Year 1 – Beau and Ruby  
Year 2 – Claudia, Darcie and Charlie  
Year 3 – Sienna, Kai and Archie  
Year 4 – Matthew, Roisin and Henry M

The student council's first role will be the improvement of the school library using funds raised by the PTA. This group will be led by Mrs Hunns.

The classes have voted for their weekly citizen of the week celebrating our characters of effective learning, names of those voted for each will be appear on our school website's home page.

We have also introduced our Branches of Love. All of our children at St Mary's live our Gospel Values daily and each week we will be celebrating a pupil from each class who has shown above & beyond how they are living & demonstrating these Gospel Values. The names of those chosen will also appear on our school website's home page.

### **New Relationship Policy**

We have introduced a new whole school relationship policy based on positivity with a focus also including our Gospel Values and characteristics of effective learning. Please see attached a copy with the newsletter email.



## **Annual Permissions**

We emailed a link to you yesterday with the questionnaire for the annual permissions for your child/ren. This includes permission to take and use photos for school purposes, tasting food in school, going on local trips and details of any food allergies/intolerances.

If you have not had a chance to complete the questionnaire, please could you do this as soon as possible, many thanks.

## **Public Health Dorset – Covid/cold guidelines**

Public Health Dorset have produce additional guidance about Covid and cold symptoms and absence from school. This is attached to the newsletter email and there are links on the home page of our school website to the government, NHS & Public Health Dorset guidance for your information.

Thank you for all supporting our new drop off and pick up procedures, these help to keep our families and staff safe. We will continue to monitor these procedures and make slight amendments as needed, which we will communicate to you.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely

*P. Fearn*

Mrs Paula Fearn  
**Head Teacher**