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Dear Parents

Coronavirus

Please note that we are taking regular advice from Public Health and the Department of Education regarding the Coronavirus. If it becomes necessary to close St Mary's for a period of time there will be access to remote home learning on our website which will be made live if this becomes necessary.

We already have a Parent Hub on the website with information for parents containing Spelling Strategies, information for each class on parental comments for writing in your child's reading journals plus links to login pages for our online education packages, such as, Education City, Purple Mash (Year 4) and Tapestry (Reception) plus Curriculum topic webs for each class.

In the meantime, we are encouraging children to wash their hands regularly and well and are looking at meetings and events at the school. We will keep you up to date as and when anything changes.

There is information on our School website with the latest advice concerning the Coronavirus. The Government guidelines state that the most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of a continuous cough and/or high temperature and that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild infection.

If your child shows either of these symptoms, please self-isolate them for 7 days from when the symptoms started.

This week at St Mary's our Year 3 made us very proud with their behaviour at the Commonwealth Flag raising ceremony at County Hall. They were also brilliant when they shared their Gospel Value prayers with their families on Monday afternoon.



Our Year 4 class took part in a DASP Orienteering event at St Osmund's School on Wednesday which they really enjoyed.

Our Reception children had their Vision Screening carried out on Wednesday.

New Baby

Congratulations to Mrs Coffin who has had a lovely baby boy, both are doing well and are at home. We look forward to meeting him in the future and have sent Mrs Coffin lots of good wishes.

Easter Bingo

Due to the current climate around Coronavirus we have cancelled our Easter Bingo event that was due to be held next Friday 20th March. However, the PTA have some lovely raffle prizes so they will be selling raffle tickets next week at St Mary's so, please, if you can, support the PTA and buy some tickets and hopefully win some great prizes. They include Weymouth Fun Factory tickets, a photo session, big cuddly bunny, make-up sets, bundles of Easter eggs with a book and a toy.

If you have kindly bought tickets for the Bingo, the cost will be refunded to you by the PTA.

Dorchester Science Fair

If you have tickets for the Family Science Fair this Sunday the organisers regret that they are postponing the event at the Corn Exchange, Dorchester after monitoring advice about the coronavirus Covid-19 over the last few weeks.

They are hoping to reschedule the Family Science Fair for early October and will promote the new date when it has been confirmed.

Upcoming Dates

Please see our upcoming dates

Monday 16 th March	Bikeability course for some Year 4 pupils
Monday 16 th March	Year 1 sharing their Gospel Value Prayer with their parents at the end of the school day – Year 1 parents welcome to come along at 3.00 pm
Thursday 19 th March	Year 2 trip to Wagamama (morning)
Friday 20 th March –	St Mary's Easter BINGO – Cancelled
Monday 23 rd March	School Nurse drop-in session at 8.45 am
Monday 23 rd March	Reception Class Hearing Checks
Monday 23 rd March	Year 4 sharing their Gospel Value Prayer with their parents at the end of the school day – Year 4 parents welcome to come along at 3.00 pm
Wednesday 25 th March	Mass at St Mary's – 9.00 am
Thursday 26 th March	Year 1 trip to Shire Hall (morning)

Friday 27 th March –	PTA cake sale at pick up time (Y4 parents kindly donating cakes)
Friday 27 th March –	Year 4 Sleepover - 6.00 pm
Monday 30 th March	Reception sharing their Gospel Value Prayer with their parents at the end of the school day – Reception parents welcome to come along at 3.00 pm
Friday 3 rd April	Children finish for Easter holidays
Monday 20 th April	Children return to school

Yours Sincerely

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Mrs Paula Fearn
Head Teacher