



Dear Parents,

We have had a busy week in school, with some welcome visitors, including Bishop Steven, who took the time to chat with our confirmandii class, in the hall, observing social distancing, this afternoon.



I believe their question were deep, intelligent and reflected their growing curiosity in their world and their faith. We are looking forward to a great celebration of Y6's faith journey, tonight. And tomorrow, we will be celebrating, once more, with cake and party food, with ALL of our Y6 present. Please have a look at the main points from the week, below:

- **Behaviour and courtesy** – We are taking a very serious line with behaviour and attitudes, parents. We have a few children who have completely forgotten expectations linked to respect for staff; including refusals to co-operate, back chatting and a general air of disrespect and non co-operation. This is non-negotiable here at St Mary's. Please make sure that your child is aware of your expectations. I look forward to your full support on this Lockdown rustiness.
- **Drop off and collections** These have been smooth in 99% of cases, thank you for your co-operation. Y3 and Y4 parents, please remember your youngest siblings need to be brought to the entrance of your older siblings, as specified in the Lockdown Letter No.7 (attached once more). **There is no requirement for any parent EXCEPT those with children in EYFS (Nursery and Reception) to be travelling to and from different gates any more.** That means the site is clear of parents more quickly- **making us all safer.**
- **COVID vigilance** -Please remember not to send your child if you feel they are unwell. This protects others and reduces the spread of the virus
- **Parking.** Thank you to those parents in Y3 and Y6 who have now responded to the police cones that are visual on Cranleigh Close, and to those who are parking safely or who have made alternative arrangements, whether via the church car park or other means. Residents and other parents have shared their appreciation with both Mr Leek and myself, as the parking was becoming concerning. I have also had a phone call from the Local Authority as a direct result of a complaint and I have 6 registration numbers which have been passed to me and the local police by residents and other parents. We live in a congested area, right on the doorstep of a busy local secondary school. Please plan your parking and your journey to accommodate that and avoid a fine or a caution.
- **Site Security**- Thank you, everyone. This is working really well. Our only request is that the Nursery parents resist the temptation to prop open the Pedestrian Gates. They will eventually have a floor bolt which will manually keep them open, however please don't force them whilst we wait for that to be finished. Many thanks.
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March updates and reminders -

Our **Walking for Water Lenten charity incentive** continues to grow. Thank you. Keep donating, via the gateway.

Pupil Voice- Our Mini Vinnies have written a letter to you all, as they wish to hold a raffle as part of our Lenten fundraising here at St Mary's. It is well written thank you to Amelia) and it is also signed by all of the group. They have managed to secure a donation from Morrison's for the prizes, supported by their mentor Mrs Hayes. So, all monies will go towards CAFOD and Fr Hudson's Homes **Have a read.**

School Fund continues to grow. We are now able to rejuvenate the wellbeing garden pathways, in readiness for the summer as a direct result of your generosity. Mrs Joyce and the Gardening Club will be on a mission soon. Thank you to those who have donated generously.

Homework Club started well, this week. My thanks to all staff concerned- Mrs Polito, Amann, Evans, Lee and Miss Marsh, also. I have noticed the biscuits are pretty good too.

And Finally ...



Please keep our Y6 children in your prayers.

Those who are receiving the sacrament of Confirmation and those who are not- all very equal in our eyes, here at SMA.

"Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another"