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Dear Parents / Carers,

### School Update

Happy Friday everyone! I hope this e mail finds you well, whether you have been at school or you have been home schooling.

We have seen a number of 'new' children starting school this week which has meant some of our 'bubbles' of children are filling up. It has amazed me what the addition of a small number of children can do to the atmosphere in school - I have sensed a real buzz here. Thank you to all of the children and staff for making our school so special in these different times.

#### Class Dojo

A reminder that work and messages continue to be posted on Class Dojo. Even if your child is at school, please continue to check the platform for up to date information and messages from staff.

Do not forget if you have any questions regarding home schooling, or need a pack of work please contact Mrs Waldram [lwaldram@stmarysprimary.org.uk](mailto:lwaldram@stmarysprimary.org.uk)

#### EYFS

Some children in our Early Years setting are finding the days very tiring. If you feel it would be beneficial for your child to be picked up after lunch at 1.30 pm, please speak to Miss Crawford. We really want to do what is best for your children.

#### Social Distancing

I can only congratulate our children for how well they are managing to social distance at school, you have all been amazing! We continue to maintain a 2 metre distance as much as possible.

I must ask parents and carers who are bringing their children to school to also adhere to the 2 metre rule. This is to protect all members of the school community. We have a number of parents who are key workers and we want to support them in staying safe too. Thank you for your support in this very important matter.

#### Key Workers

A reminder that school remains open for all children in Nursery to Year 6 whose parents are key workers, and those that have EHCPs. If your child falls into this category and you need your child to attend school, to help with planning you **must contact me the Friday of the week before** to confirm which days you require care. This is important as I need to ensure I have the correct staffing ratios for the number of children. Thank you for your support in this matter.

#### Year 5 Class Assembly

This week Mrs McParland, Mrs Waldram and the Year 5 team held an online class assembly with their class. I know the children and staff had a lovely time and really enjoyed seeing each other! We did not have as many of the children present as we hoped for. This is another reason to log on to Class Dojo every day, as information regarding events like this will be shared on the app. Thank you to the staff for making this event possible.



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### National School Sports Week (NSSW)

I hope you have all taken part in our virtual sports day this week. I have really enjoyed sharing the tasks with you, thank you to all of the children who have helped with demonstrating the activities.

Now we need to collect your scores! To enable me to add these up, can I please ask parents / carers to **message me directly** on Class Dojo. This could be via a photo of the score card that was e-mailed last week, or you could just type a message with the scores. Please do not forget to tell me what team your child is in too.

Do not worry if you have not completed all of the activities, just send me in the scores for the ones you have completed. I will then post a video on Class Dojo next week telling you all who has won our Sports Day!

Thank you to all of you who have sent videos and photos in of children participating in the events. I will be looking at all of them over the weekend. Well done to everyone!

### School Packed Lunches

The Free School Meal voucher scheme was set up at the beginning of school closures to help families while their children are at home. As children return to school, their Free School Meal will now be provided by the school, as was the case prior to lockdown. Therefore, vouchers will be reduced to reflect this change. Families will still receive voucher assistance for each Monday while the school is closed for cleaning.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Chiswell  
Headteacher