



St Mary's Primary School

Newsletter 26

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It really doesn't seem like a whole week has passed since I last shared news from St Mary's with you all. I continue to hope you are all keeping safe and well as we continue to journey through these strange and unsettling times. Monday marks seven weeks since the country went into lockdown. This means you have now had your children at home for more time than if they were on their Summer Holiday. Yet, you have faced these seven weeks unable to take your children anywhere. On top of this, I am sure many of you will have had to continue to juggle work demands whilst home-schooling your children. Just take a minute to reflect on the enormity of the task you are undertaking and a moment to appreciate these seven weeks in which you have protected, nourished, supported, bonded, laughed, cried and loved with your family. As teachers, we are truly grateful that you are there for your children in a time when we can't be and we look forward to seeing everyone again when we are safely able to. We all hope you have enjoyed this week's activities on Google Classroom. Thank you to everyone who has managed to send or submit work to us. It has been great to see all of the work that has been completed at home and we hope our feedback has been useful.

Today we remember VE Day, to celebrate peace, to remember the enormous cost of peace, to strive for peace each day. Thank you to Mr Mee today for preparing some information and creative activities on Google Schools to learn about and mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day. We hope you can all enjoy some special VE Day celebrations from the comfort of your own home!


Google Schools Update

On the whole, Google Schools has been running fairly smoothly so far. This week, we asked parents to try and submit work directly onto the platform so thank you to those of you who have managed to do that. We appreciate that this may not be possible for everyone and we are grateful for any work submitted by email or onto the platform.

There are few changes to report about Google Schools. Teachers will continue to upload work on Sunday evenings ready for the week ahead. Do let us know if you have any queries or questions.



Please also continue to let Mrs Aspinall know if you require further resources or printed copies of work. Mrs Aspinall is kindly going into school each Monday Morning to prepare this for you and will be following all the social distancing advice.

New Summer 1 Christian Value

Value	Christian Roots	What we do
Forgiveness 	Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord how often should I forgive someone who sins against me? Seven times?" "No, not seven times," Jesus replied, "but seventy times seven!" Matthew 18: 21-22	We treat everyone as we would like to be treated. We listen to and value everyone's views. We understand that it is okay to make mistakes.

Impressive Learning

A huge well done for everyone's efforts on Google Classroom. I have loved seeing the work produced and the level of interaction from all involved. Please do keep this up, but in the meantime I wanted to highlight some of you for the work you have been doing.

 <u>Thorncombe Home Learning Stars</u> 		
Pippin Class (R/1/2)	Orchard Class (Y3/4)	Orchard Class (Y5/6)
Rowan and Roman	Helena, Nell, Danica and Sullivan	Jenna, Zola and Samuel

Finally, well done and thank you to everyone who is following guidance and staying at home, protecting the NHS and saving lives.

Best Wishes
Miss Smith