



Dear Parents and Carers,

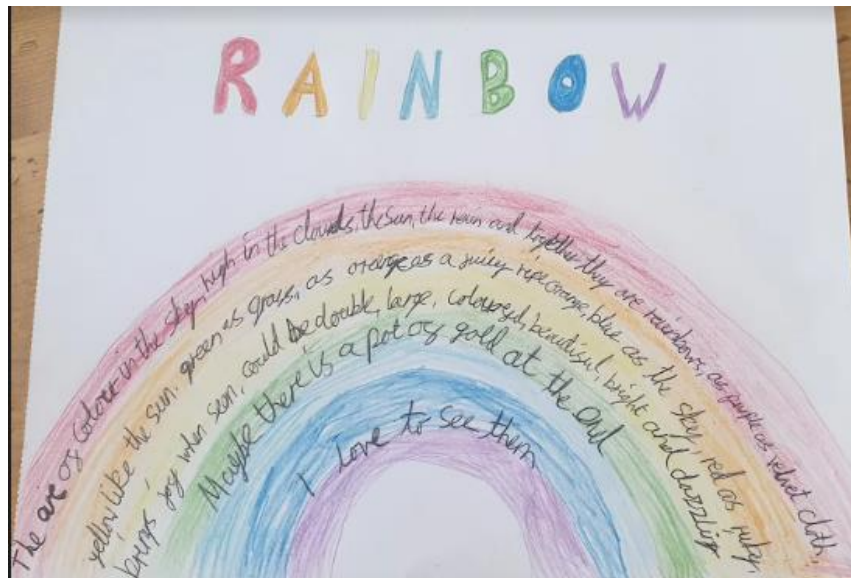
We have once again been very lucky with the weather this week and I hope you have all enjoyed opportunities to get outside into gardens and out in the fresh air for some daily exercise. In school, it has been a week of planning and preparation as we look ahead to the potential re-opening of schools for selected year groups. It is unlikely that we will receive official confirmation about re-opening until at least the 28th May but in the meantime we will keep you updated with the information we have.

For parents of children in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6, today you will have received several letters outlining the measures we will be putting in place should we re-open in order to keep our children and staff safe. Please do take time to read these letters carefully as the information contained within them is integral to the re-opening process.

If you are a parent of a child who is not in the selected year groups, please rest assured that teachers will endeavour to ensure that the same level of home education activities are provided on a weekly basis. We do ask you however to appreciate that, since all our staff will be used to support our groups in school, teachers will not be so readily available throughout the day to give feedback or answer emails. We will of course do our very best to respond to everyone as soon as we are able to.

We hope to continue to undertake regular phone calls with families of children who are not in school. We enjoy hearing about learning opportunities at home and we feel this is important to keep in communication with you all.

Thank you again for all the work we have received through email and on Google Classroom this week. For now, here is a lovely shape poem of a rainbow, a symbol with much meaning at this time.



Governor Update

Throughout this period of closure, there has been regular meetings and communication between the Leadership of the school and Governors. Alongside giving regular updates, the progress of academisation has been part of ongoing discussions and please see the attached letter from our Chair of Governors, Patti Barnes regarding this.

Finally, we wish to congratulate all children and parents for all they have achieved during this whole half term working from home. Next week is officially half term and so we will not be setting work for the children. We hope the weather will continue to be kind to us and hope you all have a restful week. The process of re-opening is a hugely challenging task but we have a strong and committed team here at St Mary's that really do look forward to welcoming pupils and parents back, as soon as it is safe to do so.

Best Wishes and hope everyone enjoys a restful half term break
Miss Smith