



St Mary's Primary School

Newsletter 29

5th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have re-opened our doors and welcomed back some of our wonderful Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 6 children. The children have adjusted amazingly to the new routines and enhanced hygiene practises in light of the current situation. Despite the requirements to socially distance, we have found lots of ways to enjoy ourselves and socialise. Year 6 have enjoyed some socially distanced tennis, hula hooping, skipping and have even taken part in a quiz - a big feature of this lockdown period. We hope to be able to share some pictures of our activities and classrooms on the parents and carers Facebook page early next week.

I have even been trying to follow in the footsteps of Joe Wicks by leading a 30-minute workout with the Y6 children each morning to energise and invigorate them for the day. Pippin Class have been enjoying opportunities to play outside and be creative as far as is possible.

For all activities, our children have their own labelled resources which only they may use. The children have been very understanding and respectful towards this.

We hope everyone else has been enjoying work set on Google Classroom and also enjoying opportunities to get outside. We know and appreciate many children are missing their friends, their interaction and their school and so we hope to be able to welcome more children back as soon as it is safe to do so.

For now, keep safe and keep positive.

Here are some pictures of children in Orchard class reading poetry they have been writing at home this week.



Lunch Update (For children in school)

This week, we requested that children eat a hot school dinner in school each day. From next week onwards, we are happy for children to bring in a packed lunch if they wish to do so. Children must choose between having packed or hot lunches each week. If you would like to order hot lunches for your child, please email the office by 12 on Thursdays at the latest, as that is the deadline when orders must be placed with Local Food Links by the office for the following week. Hot lunches are currently being provided free of charge to parents. We would like to ask that packed lunches are packed in hard metal or plastic containers rather than soft lunchboxes as they will need to be cleaned prior to entering school. Children can also bring in a water bottle and this will be left in a cool space outside. Please be reminded that, apart from these items plus a coat/hat, spare clothes and sun cream, no other items are currently permitted.

Impressive Learning

We are continuing to enjoy seeing all of the work that is submitted and we hope that our feedback is useful. This week we have seen some superb learning in school as well as at home and so we wanted to particularly highlight these children.

 <u>Thorncombe Learning Stars</u> 		
Pippin Class (R/1/2)	Orchard Class (Y3/4)	Orchard Class (Y5/6)
Ted	Evie V and Evie G	Codie and Coby

Wishing you all a lovely weekend
Miss Smith