



St Mary's Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have continued to be really impressed this week with the levels of engagement displayed on Google Classroom this week. It has been great to see lots of work regularly submitted so thank you for your support with this. We really believe that if children can keep their skills up during this time, it will greatly ease the transition when they do return to school.

This week, children had the opportunity to join their class for a check-in with their class teacher. Thank you to those of you who were able to attend. We hope the children enjoyed the opportunity to see their friends and share their experiences of remote learning so far. We will continue to do this on a weekly basis and we really hope this will continue to motivate and enthuse the children in these challenging times.

On Google Classroom this week, we have announced that the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch is taking place between the 29-31st January. If your child wishes to take part in this project please visit <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/everything-you-need-to-know-about-big-garden-birdwatch/> to sign up. We would ask for your support in submitting the results if you do wish for your child to take part. The RSPB website contains lots of activities and resources to support the Big Garden Birdwatch so please do visit the website to find out more. If you do take part, please do feel free to scan the spotter sheet and show us here at school. We will ensure there is a section in which to do this available on the 29th-31st January.

Submitting Work

We would like to ask for work to be submitted each day on the Google Classroom. This helps us enormously as it means we can provide feedback for each task on the day it is set and avoids creating a backlog of assignments. Please also ensure work is submitted before 3pm so that it can be responded to on the day of submission. Unfortunately, if work is submitted after this time, the class teacher may be unable to respond. Thank you for your support with this.



Congratulations to Helena and Dylan, who both took and passed their Grade One Cello exam in December. They both received their certificates today. Well done!

Laptop Donations

We would like to extend our thanks to members of the local community who have offered to donate laptops to assist with remote learning. We are very grateful for your generosity. If anyone else wishes to donate equipment, please ask them to contact the office directly. Thank you!

Our very best wishes to you all

Miss Smith and the Staff at St Mary's