

# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents and children,  
I hope you are all keeping well. I am very much aware of the continuous updates and adaptations to our plans for a wider reopening over the last few weeks. This is due to latest guidance and updates from the Government and local authority continually evolving.

My thanks as ever to you for your appreciation and collaboration as we work together to keep children, families and staff safe. Plans are in place for the opening from 15<sup>th</sup> June for Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. Places for this have now closed. Any further interest in places will be allocated from 29<sup>th</sup> June if space is available and dependent also on available staffing.

On our website you will see new additions to the Home Learning page including an assembly with me. We will soon be sending out a booklet to support you and your child with the arrangements for coming back. Please do keep checking your messages and the website for updates and the latest information. Have a wonderful weekend

Take care and keep in touch  
Warmest Regards  
Mrs K Yuen

## Home Learning Week 9 activities- Sport

The project this week aims to provide opportunities for your child to learn more about sports and games. Learning may focus on the history of sport, sporting-heroes, physical challenges and performance.



## Ways to keep in touch and receive information

### Important Notice

Please remember to download the School Gateway APP. This is our main way of communicating with you

Schoolgateway



Email us on:

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## **Send Your Good News**

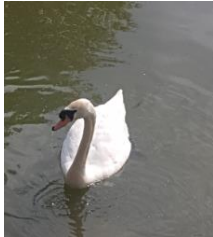
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**We would love to hear from you and possibly a photo too so we can put it in future editions.**

## News From the community

A baby swan is a cygnet! Well done to Lois (Yr3) our winner for quickly getting back to us with the answer. Here is a photo of a swan she spotted out on her daily walk!



Thank you Phizana for sharing these photos of your baking skills and information poster below.



Our Reception children have been busy too!

Keep sending in your photos- we love seeing them.

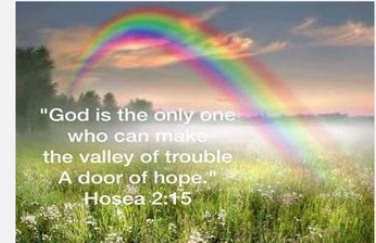


### Latest news

We have invested in IXL to support your child's learning. This is a personalised online programme which you will soon have access to. We will be sending out log in details for IXL next week. Please look out for these.



### Message from our School Chaplain – Mrs Darwin



A friend sent me this quote from scripture a few weeks ago, which I scribbled on a piece of paper...amazingly it didn't end up in the bin in one of my frenzied tidy up sessions.

It seems that the whole world has been marching through a valley of troubled times since the beginning of 2020. To begin with we were praying for those in China as they battled with the virus, before we knew it, the virus came to Europe and then landed on our doorstep. A few short months ago, none of us could have imagined the changes to our lives that every single person in the world has made. There is no denying the difficulties that people have been through in these days of the Coronavirus.

So how can I talk about a door of hope? I don't want to talk about one door of hope; I want to talk about the many doors of hope which have opened across the continents, families to families, friends to friends, neighbours to neighbours, countries to countries. Hope is the thing which gives people something to look forward to, something to wish for and something to hang on to in the troubles of their lives.

People have been telling me great stories of how acquaintances have written to them or phoned them after twenty and thirty years of no communication and great reunions of old friendships have taken place in a world where previously we were just too busy with jobs and life in general to find the time to communicate with each other. Community spirit has taken on a whole new lease of life, as a surge in kindness has become the new norm. The elderly have been noticed and given priority shopping time, as have the key workers and people are out there applauding the good that is going on amidst all the darkness. Pollution has fallen in a fairly dramatic way, new innovative ways of learning are happening with our children and young people - and the sun is shining every day!

Many people who we know and those who we don't know are still trying to climb out of 'the valley of trouble'. The love in people for each other right now brings with it hope for the future of our world. Start where you are and let the hope grow. God bless,

Glory be

Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end.

Amen