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Dear Parents and Children

What seems like a long term has also caught up on us. As we come to the end of the last full week teachers are finalising reports and we are getting them to you over the coming days. Back in March, I remember saying, "We'll all be back to normal in a few months..." Well who could have predicted how the year would have turned out? Next week we say goodbye to our Year 6 children. Please keep them in your prayers as they make this transition. Please also keep checking messages as we finalise our plans for a full September return. We want to try and bring some normality back to school life, within the guidelines given. Please be assured though that it is safety first. Full details of our arrangements for September will be sent out next in an end of year letter.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Warmest Regards

Mrs Yuen

Summer Reading Challenge

Join in with the Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge theme for 2020 is Silly Squad. It's all about funny books, happiness and having a laugh!

The Silly Squad is a team of animal friends who love to go on adventures and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books.

Due to circumstances surrounding Covid-19, this year's Summer Reading Challenge will be delivered completely online.



<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



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:

admin@stmaryscatholicprimary.northants.sch.uk

Send Your Good News

Stories to:

admin@stmaryscatholicprimary.northants.sch.uk

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

Letters To The Earth – A Brand New Science Competition

Reminder

Letters to Earth is a collection of letters and poems that express human feelings about the climate crisis. In the book, published by Harper Collins, there are letters from children, parents, artists, actors, poets, politicians, songwriters and scientists.



I would like the children of St. Mary's to add their voices to the collection. Parent need to submit your child's letter to the school, via e-mail

admin@stmaryscatholicprimary.northants.sch.uk when their letter will be considered for publication in an upcoming Primary Science Teaching Trust (PSTT) newsletter and for inclusion in a future Harper Collins 'Letters to the Earth' publication or project.

Whatever you want to write about is welcome. It could be a letter, poem, song, postcard or a picture. The letter could be written to the Earth or from the Earth, to future or past generations, to adults who have the power to make important decisions, to ordinary people or to other species (animals or plants). It could be written as a human or perhaps from the point of view of a bee, bird, beech tree or another species.

Click on the link above to access a selection of work in the current book.

All entries should be submitted by **Wednesday 15th July**. Certificates will be awarded for everyone who enters and a prize for the overall school winner will also be awarded.

I look forward to reading your entries.



Message from our School Chaplain

'It's been a wake-up call...time to reflect...work out what the important things in life are...'

These are words spoken by people I have met this week, when discussing the strange effects of the time we have been living through these last few months. It's true that there has been much heartache, grief and sadness, but even in among all of the distress, there are many of us who have found that taking time to reflect on life has really helped to work out what is important to us, whilst continuing to focus on the positives of a tricky situation! The journey of the last few months has been one of faith as we have been guided and advised by the government, the scientists and the doctors. There have been steps forward and steps back... only this week, Leicester have gone back into lockdown. The citizens of the town must have felt so disheartened! My niece and her husband live in Leicestershire. As they waited for news of the lockdown boundaries, they discovered to their absolute joy that they had escaped the second lockdown by one road! It's surprising the things that bring happiness to us today that we could not have imagined just at the beginning of this year! Each day brings new challenges. There have been so many constantly changing rules to follow. The questions we ask each other are questions which we we have never asked before ...can I invite six people into my garden? Are they now allowed in the house? What about the different families? Do I have to wear a mask in the supermarket? The questions are endless! Yes, it is a little confusing, but for every problem which presents itself, take time to reflect, search for ways to turn the situation on it's head, find the good in the people who you love and who love you in return, look for joy in small victories and meet the challenges head on. The journey ahead will still be a bumpy one, but have faith, be strong and we will all get there in the end .



Next Tuesday 14th July we will be welcoming Year 3 children back into school for 1 hour so they can say goodbye to Mrs Blicow and hello to their new class teacher Mrs Wilson who will be teaching them in Year 4.

Bubble 1 10:00 – 11:00am

Bubble 2 11:15am – 12:15pm