



School Newsletter

With Christ we live, we love, we learn and we grow

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Dear parents/ carers,

Good evening,

In today's newsletter, I am going to share even more links and resources to support home learning. I don't want you feeling overwhelmed and this is not yet more work that your child is expected to do, it's just to let you know what resources are out there. We also have a message from our Chair of Governors, Kath Smith.

Home Schooling

Over the past few weeks, I have spoken to more than one parent who are struggling to cope with the demands of home schooling alongside running the household, looking after relatives, doing their own work during the school day in addition to all the other things they need to do. This is often made worse when they see how well everyone else seems to be managing. Teachers have told me that many of them have also had similar conversations with parents. Some parents are understandably becoming very anxious about this. **My message to you is simply do what you can; we know you are trying your best.**

Message from the Chair of Governors, Kath Smith

Dear Parents and Carers,

Due to the current situation regarding the Corvid-19, as Chair of Governors I want to give you some reassurance about the safety and well-being of our children at St Mary's Nursery and School.

We continue to monitor the advice from the Government Agencies, act accordingly and keep you informed through the normal information channels. As a parent and carers I am aware of the anxiety many of you will be feeling, particularly if your child has underlying health issues and in those cases please seek the advice of your health professionals.

Be assured that the Governors continue to fulfil the role and responsibilities and we keep in regular touch by email, text and through virtual meetings.

On behalf of the Governors, I would like to acknowledge the continued hard work and dedication of Mr Smyth and all the staff. Finally, I would like to thank all of our parents and families for their continued support throughout this challenging time. Stay Safe.

Kath Smith

Chair of Governors

##NEW## Advice and Resources to support online learning.

PE Resources

Lancashire County Council's Schools' PE team have put together some really good resources for PE activities to do at home during closure. Feel free to take a look. It's for Years 1-6.

Year 1 & 2 (Overview) <https://lancshireschoolgames.co.uk/year-1-2-stay-at-home-programme/>

(Timetable)- <https://lancshireschoolgames.co.uk/year-1-2-spar-lancashire-school-games-activity-timetable/>

Year 3-6 (Overview) <https://lancshireschoolgames.co.uk/year-3-6-stay-at-home-programme/>

(Timetable)- <https://lancshireschoolgames.co.uk/year-3-6-spar-lancashire-school-games-activity-timetable/>

Music Resources

Beat Drop...

A free online mini course for children aged 8-15 who are brand new to the world of electronic music production. They are based in Canada so ensure you check the time zone and you can access the pre-recorded lessons...

<https://www.beatdrop.ca/kids-online>

ABRSM 'Play On'...

The ABRSM have developed their 'Play On' resources to support teachers, musicians and parents in these extraordinary times with daily updates and free content...

<https://gb.abrsm.org/en/inspire/>

Daily Music Session from the Benedetti Foundation...

Violinist Nicola Benedetti and her brilliant Benedetti Foundation tutors will be delivering online music lessons every day on their Facebook channel . You can also see all the past sessions clicking below...

<https://www.benedettifoundation.org/resources>

Sing Up...

Sing Up are offering some of their helpful and fun content free to use at home during the lockdown...

<https://www.singup.org/singupathome>

Apply for funding to support young musicians...

Awards for Young Musicians supports talented young musicians who are struggling to meet their musical costs. The deadline for their 2020 applications is Monday 27th April, apply [HERE](#). You can find more organisations who offer funding for you musicians using the Help Musicians Funding Wizard...

<https://www.helpmusicians.org.uk/creative-programme/funding-wizard>

Special Educational Needs and/ or Disabilities (SEND) Resources

See attached.

Have a good week ahead.

Best wishes,

Patrick Smyth

Headteacher