



ST MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Learning and loving on our journey with Jesus

Ready, Respectful, Safe

Term 5, Week 1 23rd April 2021—St Mary's Catholic School Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

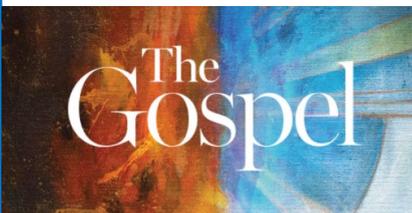
It is with great joy that I come here to St Mary's Catholic Primary School having been a class teacher, key stage leader, deputy head and acting headteacher at English Martyrs Catholic School in Reading for 23 years. I have joined a team who are passionate about the social, emotional and physical well being of your children as well as developing their academic capabilities across a range of subjects. Underpinning this the staff here will support your child on their journey with Jesus Christ to develop a moral compass based on the recognition that we are all made in the image and likeness of God and we strive to see the good in everyone we meet.

You can imagine the nerves I felt before arriving. Anything new can be daunting even for us adults but I remembered what we teach our children each day, to be resilient, to persevere when things seem tough, to have a 'can do' attitude and to work hard. I have witnessed many children living by these values not only in the classroom but also when socialising and developing friendships. It was this that helped me get over my nerves. To be honest I needn't have worried because when I arrived I was overwhelmed by the warm welcome I received from all in the community, the staff, the children and parents at the gate. I thank everyone for that.

I look forward to working with you all. There's an old saying 'It takes a village to raise a child.' Something I fully agree with. I know that by working together, parents, teachers and the parish will ensure our children have a positive experience in school and will be prepared for a life where they can make a positive difference in the world.

As we say at St Mary's, we want our children to be Ready, Respectful and Safe wherever they are.

This Sunday's Gospel 25th April 2021



'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I

know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command

School website—<https://www.stmarys-maidenhead.org.uk/>



St Mary's children will be taking part in the national daily mile day on 30th April. This is a national event. Children can wear normal school uniform and will complete 15mins of jogging at their own pace. The event promotes the physical and mental wellbeing of children. For more info goto: <https://thedailymile.co.uk/>

Celebrations Assembly:

Congratulations to the following children who have demonstrated to their teachers and classmates that they deserve the **star of the week** for demonstrating resilience, perseverance and kindness in numerous ways.

The

children are:

Ladybirds—Riley J

Bumblebees—Lennox

I1—Bryson

I2—Nathan

LJ1—Matthew C

LJ2—Matthew

LJ3—Ellis

UJ1—Brooke

UJ2—Alfie

UJ3—Harry

Diary dates:

Mon 3rd May—May bank holiday—school closed

Thurs 27th May—End of term 5

Fri 28th May—INSET day

Mon 31st May to Fri 4th June—INSET day.

Curriculum Please look at our website for our new curriculum. Staff have worked extremely hard in putting this together.

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| <h1>S</h1> <p>Stay Safe</p> <p>Don't give out your personal information to people / places you don't know.</p> | <h1>M</h1> <p>Don't Meet Up</p> <p>Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Always check with an adult you trust.</p> | <h1>A</h1> <p>Accepting Files</p> <p>Accepting emails, files, pictures or texts from people you don't know can cause problems.</p> | <h1>R</h1> <p>Reliable?</p> <p>Check information before you believe it. Is the person or website telling the truth?</p> | <h1>T</h1> <p>Tell Someone</p> <p>Tell an adult if someone or something makes you feel worried or uncomfortable.</p> <p>Follow these SMART tips to keep yourself safe online!</p> |
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