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ST MARK'S NEWS

Tuesday 2nd June 2020

'A school where children develop the passion to learn; the skills and knowledge to succeed and the confidence to take Christian values into our diverse society.'

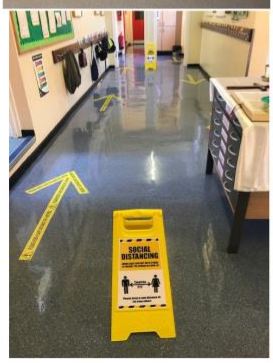
Dear Parents, Carers, Children, Staff and Governors,

We are thrilled to be able to welcome children back into school today. Yesterday was our staff inset day when we worked as a staff group to finalise our action plans and risk assess-ments and set up the school. We are now ready for all eligible children to return to school.

If you are a key worker or your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 6, please give careful thought to whether you would like your child to return to school. The choice is completely yours. If you would like your child to return, you must now complete a short booking form by 12.00pm Wednesday of each week, following this link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=jwfCGUYvuEu88WHDNy5GXs9Bc9u9QBdPiB8u3vfuXQ1URTg0OFJYWjNIV0VMR0xLNDQ1MVNJUjFIRy4u

A written confirmation will be sent back to you soon afterwards and your child will then be allowed to attend school from the following week. This process allows arrangements for staffing, classrooms, resources , lunches and the education of the pupils to be made well in advance of pupils returning to school. To see our school risk assessments please click here or visit the policy section on the school website



IMPORTANT NOTICES FOR PARENTS

A message to all the families of St. Mark's

I wish to commend you all for your resilience and patience during these last two months of being in Lock-down - well done for putting up with all the challenges!

I also want to thank the school staff for the many creative ways they have continued to enable the children to learn from home. While we still do not know exactly how things will go in this next stage, I know that the School staff are longing to see the children again, and that chil-dren will be excited at being able to see their friends again. We have really missed one another.

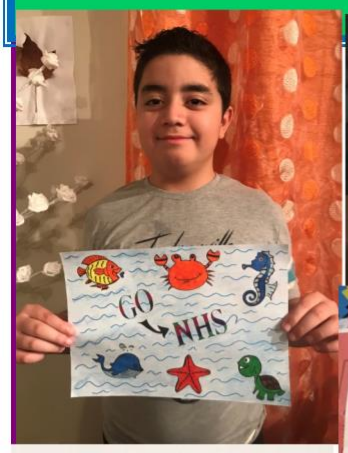
As Chair of Governors of the School, I am hugely confident that the action plan that Mr. Ingram and the staff have prepared will make the school a safe and enjoyable environment. In the coming days, there will, doubtlessly, be different ways of doing things that we will adapt to, but I am sure we will continue to care for one another and work togeth-er as each new challenge or change comes along.

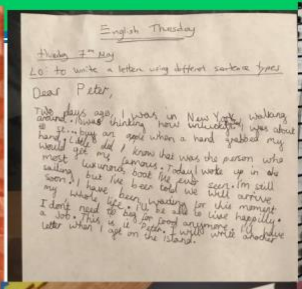
I love the rainbows that so many children have put in their windows - in the Bible the rainbow is a sign of better times to come. I daily pray for the whole School community, and trust in God's faithful promises that we shall indeed enjoy better times...

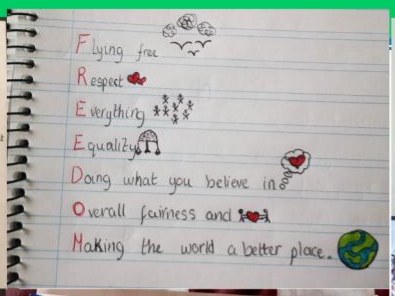
Outdoor Learning

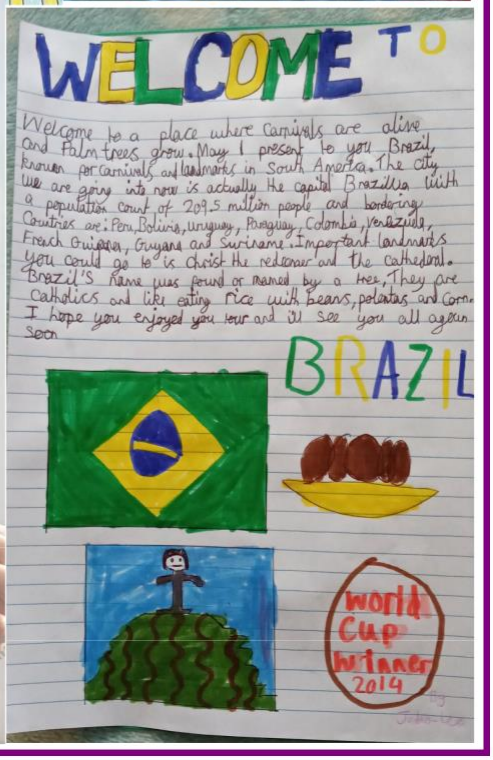
We are making sure that our children's learning extends to the outdoor environment. Some of our children harvested spring onions from the garden today and helped to weed the vegetable beds. There is also lots of movement within our school pond for the children to explore! Could it be newts, fish or frogs??? We look forward to spend-ing far more time outdoors with the children explore our secret garden!!!

A very big well done to children in Years 5 and 6 for even more fantastic work. Well done! You are working so hard and we are very proud of you! Keep up the good work!









JOYFUL JUNE (EVEN IN DIFFICULT TIMES) 2020

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Decide to look for what's good, even on the difficult days	2 Re-frame a worry and try to find a positive way to respond	3 Think of 3 things you're grateful for and write them down	4 Show your appreciation to those who are helping others	5 Smile and be friendly, even while you're social distancing	6 Notice the upsides during the lockdown, however small	7 Find a joyful way of being physically active (indoors or out)
8 Write a letter to thank someone for what they did	9 Find the joy in music today: sing, play, dance or listen	10 Take a photo of something that brings you joy and share it	11 Say positive things in your conversations with others today	12 Make a plan with friends to do something fun together	13 Appreciate the joy of nature and the beauty in the world around	14 Do three things to bring joy to other people today
15 Rediscover a fun childhood activity that you can enjoy today	16 Ask a loved one what they feel grateful for at the moment	17 Be kind to you. Treat yourself the way you would treat a friend	18 Send a positive note to a friend who needs encouragement	19 Create a list of favourite memories you feel grateful for	20 Make time to do something playful today, just for the fun of it	21 Enjoy trying a new recipe or cooking your favourite food
22 Share a happy memory with someone who means a lot to you	23 Look for something to be thankful for where you least expect it	24 Thank a friend for the joy they bring into your life	25 Eat food that makes you feel good and really savour it	26 See the upside in a difficult situation you learnt from	27 Watch something funny and enjoy how it feels to laugh	28 Create a playlist of your favourite songs and enjoy them
29 Take time to do something that makes you happy today	30 Make a list of the joys in your life (and keep adding to them)					

"Every day may not be good, but there is something good in every day" ~ Alice Morse Earle

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