



Dates for your diary

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**Monday 15th February 2021
- Friday 19th February 2021**

HALF TERM

**SCHOOL CLOSED TO ALL
CHILDREN AND NO HOME
LEARNING DURING
HALF TERM**

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LOVE

In these challenging times,
let us reflect on the words of
Jesus 'Love the Lord your
God and Love your
neighbour as yourself.'

1 Corinthians 13 'Love is
patient and kind; love is not
selfish nor quick tempered;
love is always supportive,
loyal, hopeful and trusting;
love never fails; love doesn't
keep a record of wrongs that
others do.'

John 13:34 'As I have loved
you, so you must love one
another.'

"Darkness cannot drive out
darkness; only light can do
that. Hate cannot drive out
hate; only love can do that."
Martin Luther King, Jr.

Respect

Peace

Love

Forgiveness

Responsibility

Faith

St Mary's Happy News!

News for our families and friends

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to a special Happy News newsletter! There is much to celebrate at St Mary's and I wanted to share this with everyone in our school Community.



Live video sessions on Zoom and Teams

We have been working hard to develop our Remote Learning and our teachers love to see the children on their daily sessions! We know from your feedback how much the children enjoy these sessions too! In addition, we have created opportunities for teachers to set work on Purple Mash and Teams, which children submit so that teachers can give feedback. We have given out over 70 laptops to help our families access online learning.

We are here to help!

If you have any concerns related to your family's wellbeing, finances or practical issues, please get in touch with our School Home Support Worker, Marta Tildesley, by emailing the school at: admin@st-marys.lewisham.sch.uk or by ringing the school on **0208 6902613** or Mrs Tildesley on **07811 997648**.

Staff

As always, I am so proud of every member of our staff team as they continue to work hard to educate both the children attending school and those learning from home. They have worked tirelessly and remained enthusiastic in planning creative learning opportunities, supporting our families and keeping the school as safe as possible.

Free School Meals Vouchers

I am pleased to announce that we have arranged for 6 weeks of food vouchers for all pupils entitled to a free school meal. The vouchers were sent out to eligible families last week. I am conscious that some families may not know whether they are entitled to free school meals so we are encouraging all of our families to apply by following this link: <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/education/student-pupil-support/free-school-meals-and-extra-support-for-your-child>.

On behalf of the staff and governors at St Mary's Primary School, I would like to send our best wishes, thoughts and prayers to all of our pupils and parents.



Miss Bernard

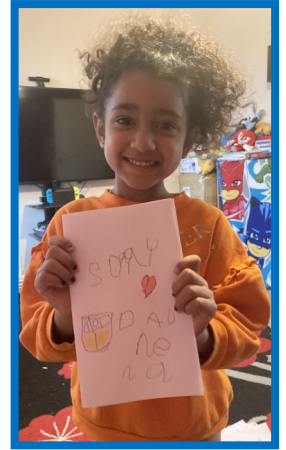
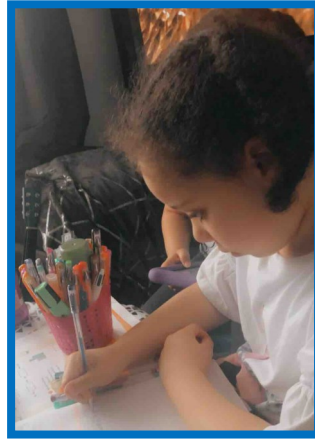


St Mary's is an Excellent School



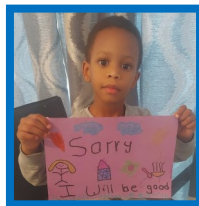
Home Learning Superstars!

We are so proud of the wonderful learning that our amazing children have created at home. In this Happy News publication, we have included some of the photos you have shared. Please continue to send photos of your home learning to admin@st-marys.lewisham.sch.uk. All pictures will be published on the [school website](#) (Classes / Learning Blog) - please take a look and see what your friends have been doing!



Poetry

The home learning for each class will include some poetry activities over the next 3 weeks. We will be holding our annual poetry competition and you can write your own poem, as well as performing your favourites! Poetry can be truly inspirational, as demonstrated by Amanda Gorman, the 22 year-old poet who read her poem 'The Hill We Climb' at the President of the USA's inauguration.



... for there is always light if only we're brave enough to see it, if only we're brave enough to be it.

Well done to our Parents

Thank you to all of our parents and carers - you are doing a great job in supporting your child's learning. We know it's not easy, so please celebrate every piece of learning that you and your child have achieved. Keep the learning fun, break it down into manageable chunks and take regular breaks.



Home Learning Ideas

As well as the activities planned by our teachers, remember that there are lots of other fun home learning ideas:

- Cooking includes lots of Maths, Literacy and Science learning
- Write a letter to a special person in your life—they will really appreciate receiving it
- Enjoy lots of books, songs and rhymes together
- Play board games together or make up your own
- Talk to your child
- Go for a daily walk - fresh air and exercise is good for everyone
- Look out for signs of Spring - it gets a little lighter every day, spring flowers and bulbs are coming out, blossom is forming on the trees and the birds are singing