

St Mary's Lewisham CE Primary School

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"St Mary's is a good school" - Ofsted July 2016

***Our Vision** - To be a learning community that promotes the unique gifts, wellbeing and potential of every person. Our work is founded on the life and teaching of Jesus Christ, building on His message of equality, peace and justice, guided by His words 'As I have loved you, so you must love one another' (John 13:34).*

Monday 14th December 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

We hope that you, your family and friends have remained safe and well. All school staff and governors are well. We are writing to update you on recent activities and our plans for the New Year.

Nativity 2020

The children have enjoyed some exciting Christmas activities and we are delighted to share with you that we have created a special Christmas treat for all of our families! Please click on this link: [Christmas Nativity Film 2020](#) to enjoy our Year 2 children retelling the story of the birth of Jesus, with a lovely song from Year 1. The Nativity Film also includes our KS2 classes each performing a Bible reading from the Gospels, in the form of a Choral Reading. We are very proud of every child who performed so well.

New Covid-19 Guidance update

As we have done throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, we continue to carefully review the latest Local and National developments. Having exited National Lockdown, opportunities for interactions have increased during the festive season. Additionally, there has been a recent rise in Covid-19 cases in London, particularly in our neighbouring borough of Greenwich, who has closed all their schools this week. As a result of all of the above factors, we are concerned that the overall infection rate will remain high in January.

We believe that measures put in place by the school have been effective so far, and should continue. We have valued all of the feedback and messages of support that we have received from our parents. From regularly speaking with many parents, as well as a parent survey, we know that you support our approach. Please can we ask you to follow this link to complete an updated [Parent Survey](#).

We will continue to close for a deep clean and review of our risk assessments and procedures, on Wednesdays.

- **School will continue to be closed every Wednesday (apart from Reception, Nursery and Year 6 class) until at least the end of January**
- **All children will return to school after the Christmas holidays on Monday 4th January 2021**
- Home learning (a combination of paper and online) will continue to be set for all children to complete at home on a Wednesday, following the blended learning initiative
- Teachers will have their PPA time on a Wednesday, meaning that they will remain in class with your child for the rest of the week
- The requirement for staff to work across more than one group will be reduced
- The whole school will receive a thorough deep clean every week, in addition to the daily enhanced cleaning schedule
- A packed lunch will be provided for all children who need it

As always, thank you for your support and understanding as we continue to respond to an ever-changing situation, working in partnership to make our school community as safe as it can be for our children.

Yours sincerely

Christine Bernard, Headteacher
Julia Pring, Chair of Governors

