



ST MARY'S  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

23rd March 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support as all children have returned to school. This academic year has been like no other and somehow we have managed to ensure that all pupils continue to grow and progress. We have said this before, but we would not be where we are today without your support. The children are a credit to you. They have returned to school polite, courteous and dedicated - we are excited for the term ahead.

### **Birthdays**

We know it has been difficult for our children not being able to celebrate their birthdays with their friends, so we will celebrate all birthdays from January - March on Friday 26th March. The children will come to school in their uniform and school will provide a snack, a drink and a cake for all. Parents you do not need to provide anything. We are celebrating on Friday 26th March as the following week is Holy Week and we will be remembering Jesus' final days.



### **Parent Teacher Group**

We know that together we are stronger and that no one knows your children better than you. We would like to forge a partnership with you to help us make informed decisions. If you think you can help please contact Mrs

Jones our Parent Support Advisor via email: [jones.l@stmarys.npcat.org.uk](mailto:jones.l@stmarys.npcat.org.uk)

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## **Testing**

All adults in your household, childcare or support bubble are invited to have twice weekly rapid tests for coronavirus. You can order the tests here:

<https://test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/order-lateral-flow-kits/condition>



You cannot use the rapid tests if you are displaying symptoms of coronavirus. If you or anyone in your household has a symptom of coronavirus, you must all self-isolate and arrange a test with a testing centre or contact school. You only need to have one symptom to arrange a test.

Symptoms:

A high temperature

A new cough

Loss of taste and smell

## **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March National day of Reflection and Prayer The anniversary of the First National Lockdown**

We are asked by the Bishops of England and Wales to stop, reflect, remember and pray on this day.

We are asked to reflect on what has happened and to take this time to pray to God, our Father with our own private intentions and thoughts.

**Today at midday we held a minutes silence, where we took the time to think of all of those whose lives have been so greatly affected by the events of this year.**



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**We reflect and pray for:**

Those who have died. That God welcomes them and shelters them.

Those who have suffered physically, mentally and spiritually. That God heals them and cares for them.

For those who have worried about employment and security. That God, as a caring father protects them.

For those in families suffering with tension and difficulties. That God comforts and guides them.

For those who have shown selflessness, support and compassion to support and help others. That God continues to be within them as a light to others.

For those who have shown courage, perseverance and given hope to others. That God continues to strengthen them and guide them.

Tuesday 23rd March is a day of prayer, where we ask that this pandemic comes to an end and that the gift of God's Holy Spirit will carry us all forward to a new and better life.

As a school community we continue to keep Leanne Knight, her family and friends in our prayers. May she rest in peace.

God bless,

Mrs McClurey

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