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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your families continue to be safe and well and that you have found some time to enjoy some of the lovely sunny weather.

We have welcomed Year 1 bubbles this week and now have all the returning children who wish to return from priority year groups back. It has been lovely chatting to the children today about dinosaurs, bumble bees and football; all the things we love to spontaneously talk about!

We are still very sorry that the school cannot accommodate more children due to the current regulations at this time, but we are continuously planning ahead – now into next term.

Next Academic Year:

You will have heard the Prime Minister's announcement about plans for children returning to school in September. Governors and senior leaders are planning ahead for this and we are waiting to receive further information about the required infection controls, including distancing, so that we can assess how they can be implemented. We will keep you informed as information becomes available to us. It is also important to remember that any plans will depend on the status of the virus nearer the time. It would be wonderful to be able to re-open in September.

Staffing Update:

You will have read in our newsletter last week our decision about teaching staff next year. We will let you know about how teaching assistants will be deployed as soon as these plans have been finalised.

- We said our goodbyes this week to Mrs. Linda Fricker; the staff all recorded special messages sending their love as she retires from St. Mary's after 22 years. Linda leaves at the end of June with all our love and prayers, and, as the children will tell you... "nobody leaves St. Mary's without a Bible!".
- Many of you will know Mrs. Gill Haggan as a parent at the school and as a member of the Friends of St. Mary's. Gill has worked with us this year as a teaching assistant and will be beginning her teacher training with us next term, and will be working with Mrs. Kelly in Year 6.

New Reception Parents, Carers and Children:

Many of you will remember that very first time when you sat in the hall along other parents of children starting in reception. We will be recreating that meeting via zoom next week and we are looking forward to welcoming more families into our St. Mary's community.

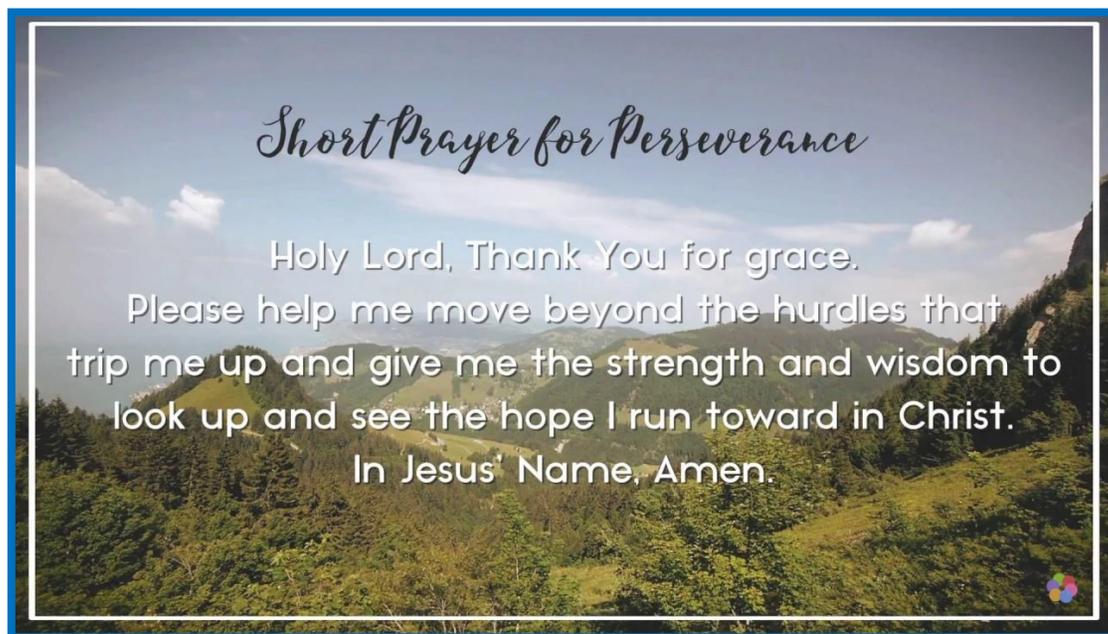
We are working on a plan for the new reception children to safely visit the classroom at a time when there are no other children in there.

Friends of St Mary's

All parents and carers are Friends of St Marys, and some of them are committee members. The date has come and gone for what would have been the summer fayre last weekend. We are so sad not to have been able to go ahead with this lovely event. It would be good to think ahead to next year, and pool our collective imaginations to think about events and fund raising where we aren't able to have large gatherings. I know many of us will have enjoyed on-line quizzes and pubs and zooming! If we can begin to think of ways on which we can do some valuable fundraising and still maintain some our social links, that would be wonderful. Any ideas please back to the current class reps.

A Note for Reflection:

For the remainder of this term, we will be thinking about perseverance and courage in our online worship for the children. Here is a short prayer reminding us to seek strength and wisdom from God when we are confronted with life's hurdles.



**From all of us at St Mary's primary school, stay safe, stay well and our love and prayers be with you.
Maria Constantinou and Mel Adams
Headteachers**