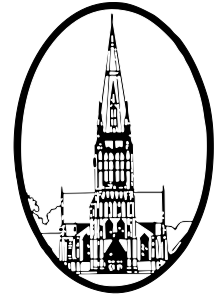


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*"St Mary's.... feeding the mind, body and spirit so we can
be the best we can be."*

16th April 2020

Hello parents and children,

We were treated to some lovely weather over the Easter weekend, which I hope made up for the fact that we are still spending most of our time inside. It was nice to be able to open the windows and the doors and feel the fresh air and sun shining through. Did the Easter bunny visit you this Easter? I had a lovely chocolate egg given to me, however I have eaten it all now!

I was delighted to have received a lovely message and photographs from the Moss family. Their photographs show Isabel and Alex and their window display. I love the way they included Easter (egg shapes) and characters in their designs. It was nice to read lots of positive messages too. I am sure people waking past will smile seeing their creative designs and warm messages. Remember, I would love to see the things you have been up to so don't hesitate to send me some photos to share in the newsletter.



Last week I talked about how I had been making bread and cakes, and today I can report on what two other staff members have been up to.



As the sun has been shining and because she has a little more time on her hands, Miss Rose has taken up a new hobby! We know Miss Rose loves flowers and now she has planted some of her own. Her new hobby of gardening has started on a small scale with some indoor pots, however, I wonder whether this will lead to bigger and better things? Maybe Miss Rose could do some gardening with children when we return back to school. I will report back on

her success with the gardening and whether she is indeed green fingered!

Miss MacKay is missing school a lot. When I spoke with her last she told me that she has been trying to keep busy when she has not been planning and preparing work for school. Did you know Miss Mackay likes art? Her classroom is always very creative and she is leading on art across the school and is currently working on developing the art curriculum. She has been doing some painting at home to keep her busy as well as some yoga! She also said she has done a puzzle. This is something that I was considering myself. I cannot remember the last time I did a puzzle and I am tempted to buy a 1000 piece one and a mat to keep it safe inbetween goes! Has anyone else been doing puzzles I think I may go online and order myself one.

Last weeks shopping order was a disaster everyone! The milk delivered was out of date the next day, as was the bread! This meant after all my excitement about not having to go out to the shops, I had to go out to the shops anyway. Lets hope that one, I can get another delivery shop and two, that the next one is a bit more successful.

It was lovely to hear from Mrs Skinner and Miss Wood this week. As you will remember they are both on maternity leave at the moment following the birth of their babies in December 2019.

Here is a message from them both.



Baby Olivia is now four months old, where has the time gone?

Olivia is changing by the day, she loves a cup of tea, she's not too keen on sleeping though!

I'm keeping active and going for short walks in the Essex countryside and spending quality time as a family.

Thinking of everyone at St Mary's school and community and hoping you are all safe and well.

Lots of love

Miss Wood and baby Olivia



Happy Easter everyone!

Remember difficult times do not last forever, keep smiling!

I miss you all

Mrs Skinner and Georgie



At this time we need to remember those families that, for whatever reason are finding things much difficult than normal. This could be because of a loss of a loved one or friend, concern about family or friends who are unwell or just because things are pretty tough at the moment. Please say a prayer for those that are finding these times especially difficult, I know that there are families in our community that would appreciate your thoughts and prayers.



Kindness is so important so please keep talking to friends, family and neighbours. Today I received a homemade card from my cousin and his family. It was simple but meant so much! Things like these make you realise you are not alone at this time. Maybe make a card for a family member, friend or neighbour, that could make their day just as my cousins card did for me!

I look forward to seeing photographs of what you are up to, hearing about your week and maybe I can share them in the newsletter. Please send messages to the admin email (above) or to Mrs McKlevey (bmckelvey@st-marys.hackney.sch.uk).

Have a great week everyone and like Mrs Skinner said, keep smiling! .

Jane O'Brien
Headteacher

