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# St Mary's News

**St. Mary's C. of E. Primary School**  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

The autumn weather is here and winter clothes are emerging bit by bit! Please ensure that your child brings a coat to school as it's important that they get some fresh air throughout the day whatever the weather.

We are all relying on technology more and more as the pandemic forces us all to work in different ways. With this in mind there are two things that I wanted to share.

Please monitor your child's internet use, not only the amount of time, but what they are actually doing.

*Are you aware of the age restrictions on apps that children are using?*

*Do you monitor what they and others are talking about on social media?*

Unfortunately because parents are allowing their children to access these apps and are not monitoring them carefully, on occasions we do get reports of children being unkind / bullying others online, outside of school. The upset this causes between children is then brought into St Mary's and we have seen this, this week in the upper part of the school.

Please see below the age limit for the most popular apps. No children at St Mary's should be accessing these apps and if they are, please understand that you must monitor their use closely and that you are responsible for your children's actions on these sites.

Because of the uncertainty of the pandemic, we are reviewing our contingency plans for remote learning, should school have to close partially or fully. It would be useful to us to understand who can and can't access remote learning and some of the challenges families face with this. Please watch out for a survey, coming out to you soon.

Thank you to all the parents who registered their interest in breakfast club. With those children in mind we are planning to reopen breakfast club as soon as possible. We will be in touch next week.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend,

Mrs O'Brien  
Headteacher

## Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for account holders on these social media sites and apps?



# Prayer and reflection

**This week we have been thinking about ‘hope’, one of our school values. We have been exploring what hope needs to grow and how in difficult conditions we can still find hope.**

**Explore with your family, your hopes for the future and how you can ‘grow’ hope.**

Dear Lord,

Sometimes things can be difficult or worrying and its hard to have hope.

Please give us the strength to find hope inside of us, even if its a tiny seed of hope.

With encouragement, positivity, faith, kindness and love, support us all in growing that small seed of hope into a big tall tree of hope.

Please help us take strength from each other and offer hope to others in times of need.

Amen



## Sickness and testing

### WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF CORONAVIRUS

If your child has any of these symptoms they must not come to school or if they develop them in school, will be sent home. Siblings should stay at home too.

- **a high temperature** – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- **a new, continuous cough** – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- **a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste** – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

### WHAT TO DO IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS

If you have any of the main symptoms of coronavirus:

1. Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible.
2. Stay at home and do not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.

School are happy to support you with booking a test online however, it is extremely difficult to book online at the moment. If you or your child needs to have a test we have been advised that the following places have walk in centres.

- **Yesodey Hatorah Girls' School Mobile Coronavirus Testing Unit, Egerton Road, N16 6UB**  
**on 6, 13, 27, 29, 30 September and 1, 18 and 25 October**
- **Bentley Road Car Park, London N1 4BZ - which is open every day from 8am to 8pm.**

## **Celebration—Head Teacher award**

<b>N</b>	<b>K'MAI</b>
<b>R</b>	<b>JA'NIYAH</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>TAMMIA</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>FINCH</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>JOSHUA</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>TINA</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>KEMEL</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>ANNABEL</b>

*Headteachers' stars of the week are given to pupils who have demonstrated that they are living out our school values.*



<b>SPANISH</b>	<b>KIAN - YR 5</b>
<b>MUSIC</b>	<b>DIVINE &amp; CHRISTIANA YR 5</b>
<b>PE</b>	<b>JUAN DIEGO—YR 5</b>

*“ Celebrating children's skills and knowledge . Awards chosen by specialist teachers and staff.”*

# Celebration—Attendance

**Attendance  
winners**

**Reception**

*“ Good attendance and punctuality is a large factor in positive outcomes for children. Lets all aim to be here every day and on time. Missing school = Missing learning. ”*

**Punctuality  
winners**

**YR 6 & YR 2**



Class	Attendance %	Rank	Number of lates (punctuality)	Rank
<b>R</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1st</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4th</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>93.42%</b>	<b>5th</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5th</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>96.89%</b>	<b>3rd</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1st</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>98.66%</b>	<b>2nd</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3rd</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>94.93%</b>	<b>4th</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5th</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>92.82%</b>	<b>6th</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5th</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>84.43%</b>	<b>7th</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1st</b>