



St Mary's Catholic Primary School
'Love God, Love Others, Love Ourselves'

Upcoming dates



Curriculum Days

Fri 23.10.20

and

Mon 2.11.20

School is closed on
these days.

Thursday

5th November 2020

'Parents' 'Day'

Details about this
will follow in a
separate email.



In line with our
risk assessment,
we are keeping the
school well
ventilated.

As the weather
gets colder, please
ensure your child
is layered up to
keep warm.

Miss Egan writes.....

I can't believe we are coming to the end of the first half term of this new academic year. I am so happy with how the children have returned to school and have embraced the things that are different. They have enjoyed their time in the playground and the school meals have also been a big change but a big hit. I am unbelievably proud of our attendance, which is.....



Thank you to everyone for your faith in our school. I would like to extend my grateful thanks to all the parents who have sent messages of support - they are much appreciated.

I am also very proud of our Y3 children who engaged so well with our new remote learning platform - Google Classroom. Staff have been working very hard to get this up and running so we are ready for every eventuality. Can I gently remind those of you who have not yet accepted the invitation to join your remote classroom to please do so to ensure that you are 'ready'.

Our Reception children have been using stories, including 'What if we were all the same?' and 'Not like the others'. They have had the opportunity to express their understanding creatively through role-play and art.

Year 5 have been exploring why we celebrate Black History Month. They have been using their history to find out about famous black people and in PSHE have been discussing their feelings around recent world events.

Year 2 have been enjoying listening to music from South Africa and looking at how this has influenced the music of other artists. They have also been finding out about Mary Seacole and are reading 'Amazing Grace'.

Year 3 are writing letters to Omari McQueen, the young entrepreneur, to find out the story behind his success. They are eagerly awaiting his replies.

Black History Month at St Mary's

While we have not been able to celebrate this as a whole school community, each year group, as part of our broad and balanced curriculum, has been busy learning lots of new things in different subject areas.

Year 1 have been exploring the lives of significant individuals from the past who have contributed to national and international achievements such as Martin Luther King.

Year 4 have been researching black sports men and women. They have been using their research skills on the iPad to find information and present it using Keynote.

Year 6 have been finding out about Ruby Bridges. They have also been exploring the roots of and the celebrations around the Notting Hill Carnival. They have also identified that they would like to continue increasing their awareness of black history throughout the year.

We wish all our children and staff a happy and restful half term holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Tuesday 3rd November 2020.