

# St Mary & St John CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the Summer Term – a very odd start to the new term but at least we have some sunshine. I hope you had a bit of a break over Easter although many of your usual holiday plans would be, by necessity, on hold. Our school was open all through the holidays for a few children and our staff gave their time to looking after these children running a sort of playscheme. We had a happy, mainly sunny time, with lots of opportunities for playing and exploring outside. I know some of you were working extra hard on the front line during the holidays and probably got very little time off so, once again, thank you to our front-line heroes.

We are, as you know, still in lockdown and I am not making any predictions about how long it will go on. Many others have done this leading to confusion, over speculation and frustration! We're taking it week by week. You will all know that I am as keen as anyone to get back to our school running again.

The online learning is up on the website for the beginning of this term.

There are also two additional resources which schools were alerted to yesterday:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

<https://www.thenational.academy/>

These are new for home learning and have a huge amount of material for all ages. This is in addition to work set by your child's class teacher as the connection with school is very important. Thank you for sending in some of your children's work, much of which is displayed on our website. The teachers are delighted with it.

We've had the guttering and downpipes replaced or refurbished over the holidays – not very exciting but we're prepared for the next downpour! The old dark brown doors are being steadily replaced, the toilets in the main hall are complete and some work has been done on a new break out room but stalled due to window and door suppliers closed for business. Everything moving forward positively with the school environment but short on children and adults!

I do hope this finds you well and safe. I'll keep in touch.

Best wishes,

Liz Burton