

St Mary & St John CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are at the very end of a highly unusual term with just three weeks and three days at school with all the children in. This week has brought some much-welcomed Spring sunshine and longer days. I hope we get some decent weather over the holiday for the small gatherings we are now allowed in gardens and outside spaces.

We had a lovely surprise on Monday with the gift of a coffee maker, plus fresh coffee, now in the staff room and in use ! We have all been commenting on the aroma of fresh coffee wafting about. It switches itself off too so it's environmentally friendly! This was from a collection amongst parents and carers so thank you for thinking of us; it will give us high quality refreshment in the coming months.

The vaccine roll out is going superbly but we still need to be very aware of the spread of coronavirus. Our staff will still be carrying out home coronavirus tests during the holidays. The holiday advice for our families is this :

- If you develop symptoms within two days of school ending, so by the evening of **FRIDAY 2 APRIL**, and then get a positive test, please contact the school on covid19report@ssmj.org . We will check this e mail once a day in the late afternoon;
- we will be checking it until the late afternoon on **TUESDAY 6 APRIL**;
- after that please use the NHS Track and Trace system.

I hope this makes sense!

The general rule is to keep hand washing, wear masks in shops etc, keep a safe distance when out and about and get fresh air into your houses whenever you can.

When we come back to school on **MONDAY 19 APRIL**, we should have more amenities open and life starting to feel a bit more normal. This is why we all need to keep doing our best right now. It has been a very long slog this winter. I fully intend to use the holidays to refresh and reenergise and look forward to my last term in this lovely school. Our Chair of Governors, Sarah, has shown some potential candidates around (after school, in line with Covid protocol) and they have all been very impressed by our lovely environment, both inside and out. And that's before they've met all our families and staff!

I wish you a very, very happy holiday, please keep safe and well and here's to a fabulous Summer Term.



Best wishes,

Liz Burton