

# St Mary & St John CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are in the last week of this half term and are fast approaching a week's holiday. I won't mention the weather except to say my sandals have not yet had an airing !

The world of education is full of acronyms which can be extremely annoying! I want to bring your attention to one – RSHE, the acronym for Relationships, Sex and Health Education. This subject is usually taught through our Personal Social and Health Education (PSHE – another acronym!) curriculum. We use a scheme called *Jigsaw* for this which takes a different theme every term e.g., Celebrating Differences, Healthy Me. We have a policy for RSHE which follows the Department for Education's guidelines for teaching. There is a two-page summary for parents on Understanding Relationships Education on Gov.UK. – link below.



[RSE\\_primary\\_schools\\_guide\\_for\\_parents](#)

Our Relationships, Sex and Health Education policy is on our website and a paper copy is available in the school office on request. It has a link to a mapping document which demonstrates how *Jigsaw* links to the government expectations. This explains that the biological aspects of RSHE are taught through the science curriculum. All children must attend these lessons. You have the right to withdraw your child from sex education lessons which are taught as part of the RSHE curriculum for one or two lessons in the older classes of our school. This should be done by e mail, phone call or a meeting with your child's class teacher.

It is not okay for your child to pass on a message. You will be informed in advance if these lessons are planned.

We understand that you have not had the usual opportunities to come into school and see our school at work on a day-to-day basis. It is one of the many sorrows of the pandemic. We know you are very keen to hear about your child's progress in every aspect of school life. We are planning to have face to face parent consultations, at the end of June, if the remaining covid restrictions are lifted after June 21. We will also be doing individual, written annual reports, which will be handed out at the end of this school year. We will give you more information about this after the half term break.

It was such a pleasure last week to see things returning to more normality with trips to Hill End for a World War 1 day, experience in an actual trench; a journey to Farmer Gows, a local farm complete with animals to feed; a visit to the Cotswold Wildlife Park with a range of wild animals to admire and learn about. The year 1 teachers put together a wonderful sharing assembly on their Farmer Gows trip. It was such a joy to watch the children's excitement at being out and about again. Thank you to those parents who supported the Year 1 and 2 trip. A bit chilly but successful all the same!

I hope you have a lovely break next week and we can look forward to a much much better final half term. Every day will be special for me as it's my last few weeks.

Best wishes,

Liz Burton

