

St Mary & St John CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Camp Out. A massive thank you to everyone for two superb Camp Out days this week. It was such a joy to see the field on both days with three camps (still in bubbles!) of colourful tents, many complete with cushions, rugs, chairs and games. We even had a hammock in one tent! The children had a day of assorted outdoor activities including storytelling, making friendship bracelets and face painting. Thank you to our families for coming in and helping set up camp, thank you to parents who provided event shelters, thank you to all our staff who worked to make the day run smoothly. Thank you to the PTA, who paid for a puppeteer, Emma Boor, to do workshops with the younger years. A special thank you must go to Jane Godby, who introduced the Camp Out day a few years ago, and who worked extremely hard on the whole organisation. We were not able to do it last year due to school being partially closed so this year seemed a particular treat.

Parent Consultations. I hope those of you who have come to parent/carer/teacher consultations this week have found them useful. Teachers have been very positive about seeing parents and carers face to face. They have reported that everyone has appreciated the chance to actually get inside a classroom for the first time this year. The consultations continue next week. We are confident that our social distancing measures have enabled safe face-to-face meetings. A phone call is, however, still possible if you have concerns around coming in. Thank you for respecting timings, wearing masks, and sitting at a distance from the teachers.

Parent Questionnaire. Thank you to parents and carers who filled in the online governors' questionnaire. The governors will analyse the results, celebrate the positive feedback and agree on some areas where we can improve. It will not, sadly, be possible for governors to do their usual post-it notes exercise this year as Covid regulations are still too tight until Monday 19 July and, after that, it's too near term end.

I hope you are all safe and well and commiserations if you find yourselves self-isolating.

With best wishes,

Liz Burton