



... the final one?

Dear Parents,

We genuinely cannot wait to see school in operation, once more. Children and Staff are excited to open school doors, on Monday. Zoom Meetings confirmed that. Parents, I can imagine you too are excited to close *Home Learning Books* (fingers crossed for good). Well survived to each and every one of you. Now I ask that you respect the office staff and teachers' workload and keep abreast of the regular updates available on the newsletter and on the website.

### Final updates and reminders in connection with school's full opening are as follows:

- **The SMA Reopening letter No 7**, has all the details available for next Monday. It is on the Home Page of the website
- Please be on time to avoid children from being anxious. (Remember KS1 parents are 5 minutes later than KS2 children each morning and 5 minutes earlier each evening)
- Can all **reading books and borrowed equipment, be placed in a clean disposable bag with your child's name on** and returned via your child on Monday. Isolation boxes will be available in each classroom area for 48hrs.
- **Can all laptops, chrome books and iPads be returned by parents**, to the school office so that the borrowing records can be updated.
- **Masks and social distancing are non-negotiable** unless you have informed the school office of your exemption
- Parents who have been here across the Lockdown, **please respect the anxiety and unsureness of the other 50 % of children and parents who need you to help them by keeping your distance.**
- We have enjoyed the 3 or 4 dogs who have been on guard at the top gate during Lockdown - staff have been able to turn a blind eye due to reduced numbers. Whilst we have had a couple of raised eyebrows and two enquiries as to my thoughts on this, I have been able to justify school tolerance of it with lower numbers. Unfortunately, this is no longer possible as we return to full attendance. **Dogs/Cats are not allowed on site or to stand/be held at the gates to the main entrance.** There are several very clear reasons for this that can be shared, if required. Many thanks in anticipation.
- Our **site security fencing** will be operational from next week. The gates will be open from 8-9am each morning and from 3.05-3.45pm each evening. Parents arriving/collecting children outside of these hours will just need to follow the advice on the whiteboard by the gate - it will become very clear, very quickly.
- Our **wraparound provision** opens on Monday. Please refer to **SMA Reopening letter No 7** for full details. **Please be aware that the car park is not available for parents' use.**
- **Toast** will be on sale providing parents have accessed payments via the school gateway.

Please find attached our **Remote Learning Questionnaire Summary**. Feedback on the EYFS *Helping your child to Read* Workshop, will be requested by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March.

## March updates and reminders -

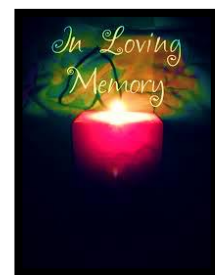
Mrs Amann has set each child in **Y1-Y6** up on a lovely, world renowned **music platform called Charanga**. Parents will need to **access the class page and find the message with their child's log in and password**. It is a really interesting interactive site which promotes music and creativity and is progressive and educational. Have a look!

**Confirmation March 18<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.** – Please see attached letter for Track and Trace and sponsor form details. Please return Track and Trace to [pmailbox@st-maryangel.walsall.sch.uk](mailto:pmailbox@st-maryangel.walsall.sch.uk)

Our **Walking for Water Lenten charity incentive** is doing well. Thank you - we now have £90 already committed. Please find the letter attached again here, for your convenience.

**School Fund** since the start of January has accrued £85. Thank you to those who have donated generously. We look forward to increasing this over time.

## And Finally ...



We remember Mrs Casey, Jaya and the extended Casey Family,

in our prayers today.

We have some very fond memories of Mr Casey.

*May he rest in peace.*

**"Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another"**