

SMA "Partially opened" News



WHAT IS IN THE PIPELINE?



- ◆ Our [closed twitter account](#), still [has 59 followers](#). [Lets see if we can make it to 60 next week!](#) Our address is: twitter@st-maryangel.walsall.sch.uk.
- ◆ [Miss Wood's P.E Challenge](#). Some more fit young people, in both key stages, have been taking part in the challenge, this week. I also hear that Mrs Evans and Mrs Steele joined in also. Look on the Home Learning Page of the website for updated details from Miss Wood. I think it is [the ZIG ZAG challenge next](#). I might have a go myself.!
- ◆ [Our planning will be moving](#), from the week beginning 6th July 2020. It will be accessible via the [CLASS pages](#). Some of you may have already noticed that teachers have already started to put it on [Class Pages](#). [Keep up with your friends, via this page](#).
- ◆ [Class Pages have launched really well, this week](#). [Keep checking them—they have much to support you and your child with— in routine school related activities](#).
- ◆ Induction information for parents new to Reception and Nursery, has been available since the beginning of this week. It will continue to be there— until 3/7/20.
- ◆ [Meet and greet your new teacher](#) events have been posted on all class pages. Please let us know if your child will be attending, via the School Gateway.
- ◆ [Details of our Y6 leavers' Co-Vid Barbecue](#) are also posted on their class page. Have a look.
- ◆ Mrs Amann has commissioned a virtual choir performance. "Lean on me" How apt! We look forward to it.
- ◆ [Please keep an eye on all email communications](#) to assist me in planning and organisation. Many thanks

AND FINALLY...

We say a fond farewell to Miss Harris, in Nursery (and Y2), this year. We will miss her in so many different ways— all of us— staff and children alike. We are, however, really proud to encourage her on to bigger and better things, as she begins the final stage of her teacher training.

Miss Harris, you have many firm friends here at SMA— we will keep you in our thoughts and in our prayers. We know you will be a great success.



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PARENT(S) OF THE WEEK

This week's chosen parents are Massimo's Mum and Dad - for being so forgiving when I ask them EVERY week, which child they are here to collect. After 4 weeks, you would imagine I had embedded that knowledge. Thanks for your ready smiles and acceptances, both of you. I will keep practising.



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REMOTE LEARNERS

PARENT SUPPORT

PTA

GOOD NEWS. The recent application for a Grant from the Richardson Brothers Charity Foundation was successful; they have very kindly granted the children of SMA £3,000 to use to fund a new stage. Huge thanks to Rachel, our PTA secretary, for enabling us to submit an application and for being an excellent "go-between" for us. Watch this space for details of the new stage.

Thanks also to Mr Leek who has managed to secure a £250 donation for the old stage, too. It will be taking a long overdue retirement in the local stage hire factory— and will be wheeled out when needed.

Thanks to the many Dads and staff, over the years, who have "volunteered" to help erect the old stage—it was always a labour of love!. The new versions are so much more user friendly— children can actually be involved in the stage formation and construction— that is another learning experience for our budding theatre lovers! I know Mr Payne will particularly miss the old stage as he has many happy memories of lugging it around school.

Additional PTA news...

50 /50 winners are as follows:

- L Jones
- DP&AH Henley
- R Brown
- K Humpage

Congratulations to them all Cheques will be in the post, I believe.

Some more good news on our Home learning front. Well done children and parents.

Mr Marsh has been really busy on Twitter— adding pictures from inside school and outside.

Look at YN—on task, brilliantly behaved and learning as well.

Virtual lessons— Thanks to those parents who have successfully engaged with two of our teachers, this week— Mr Sutton and Mrs Coleman. It has been great to see you all from home. We look forward to the same thing next week



CLASS PAGES

Congratulations to all of those children who have logged on to their class pages. We are really proud of them.

There is much to see and do on there, including our children who we are congratulating. This week, there is [a letter to ALL children on their class page, about an invitation into school to meet with their new classes](#). Make sure that you read the information and the [access the acceptance on our school gateway](#), for your child.

From 6th July, all Home learning and homework, for the future will be via the class page. Thanks to Mr Sutton for setting these up for all classes.

Credit where it is due, senior leaders have definitely appreciated the support from parents to follow the necessary safety restrictions in school— at collection and at drop off times, this week. Many thanks. Where there are no boundaries, children often feel insecure.

CO-VID OPENING OF SMA STEP 2

I can appreciate that many parents are beginning to be exhausted by their role as teachers and learning supports. Believe me, the staff at school are also beginning to tire of their roles as cleaners, IT specialists, safety marshals, law enforcers, telephone operators, chaperones... the list goes on.

As before, I promise that as soon as I can safely introduce greater numbers of children, within the constraints as defined by the DfE, I will be in touch. It is in our best interests to get children back into school, and to begin to assess next steps for all— children and staff. That is what our staff do best. The Government guidelines address certain issues but currently there are many unanswered questions..

In the meantime, key workers and N, R, Y1 and Y6 are our priority groups. And those children we identify as more vulnerable for identified issues.

Thank you, once again, for your patience. It is so important to be a good team.

If you would like to enquire about space, please contact me, via pupil postbox. I will get back to you; I will not, unfortunately, always be able to accommodate all parents and their children just yet.

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