

SMA "Partially opened" News



WHAT IS IN THE PIPELINE?



- ◆ Our **closed twitter account, now has 53 followers**. Please sign up if you have not already done so— then we can include all children on the tweets. Our address is: [_twitter@st-maryangel.walsall.sch.uk](https://twitter.com/st-maryangel.walsall.sch.uk) .
- ◆ **Look out for Miss Wood's P.E Challenge** . On Home learning. Mrs Hayes has already had a go! (...so competitive!!!)
- ◆ Our **planning will be slightly changing**, moving forward, **from next week**. We will be trying to support slightly jaded parents, a little more, and we will be really pushing the old fashioned : Reading, Writing, Maths and Problem Solving in an engaging way. Your children really need to practise communication skills, so we will be trying to simplify your involvement whilst maintaining a level of engagement for all children.
- ◆ **Class Pages are almost ready to go. Next week, you will receive information on how to find them.**
- ◆ Induction information for parents new to Reception and Nursery in Autumn 2020 will be forwarded within the next two weeks. The information will also be explained on an Induction Page of our website.
- ◆ Mrs Polito and Mrs Evans are already "on the case" planning ideas for a Y6 Remote Leavers ' video. . Watch out for information as it becomes available on our Leavers' page on the website, also.
- ◆ **Please keep an eye on all email communications** to assist me in planning and organisation. Many thanks

AND FINALLY...

Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

We pray for a world where all can stand side by side, withhold judgement or criticism... and just see the good within.

PARENT OF THE WEEK

This week's prize goes to Mr Daffern for being so flexible and aware of the limited places, this week. We really look forward to seeing all of the lads next week.



And secondly, to, All of the Reception Parents. Mrs Smith laid down the gauntlet, stating that you had been spied to be the worst for social distancing. Undeterred, you all rose to the challenge, regrouped, chivvied each other and are now the best! (I'm afraid I was the spy in the camp) Well done— your determination was a great sign of solidarity— in difficult circumstances. Congratulations to you all. Stickers available via your children.



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HAVE A LOOK INSIDE OUR SCHOOL



Social distancing whilst enjoying a story
We are so proud of them!

Hopefully, these photos will help you to know what school looks like and feels like, at the moment. It is really clean and really smart looking.



PARTIAL SMA WEEK 2

We are now into Wk 2 of our partial re opening, here at SMA. Thanks to all staff, children and parents for their part in adapting to the many changes and the differing rules. As you can see from Mr Sutton's photos, "the show must go on" and lessons are continuing, very much like they are for you all still at home, but with Miss or Sir on hand to support.

We have had some brave children, this week—who have found the return to school tricky, either without their friends, or with a new challenge that they have faced -head on. They have not moaned or refused to do as they are asked. They have been truly resilient in the face of adversity. Particular shining examples have been:

Ryan (Y5), Grace (Y3), Lewis (Y1) and Hugo (YN). All have faced challenges, all have smiled through them.

Tomorrow Mrs Hayes will be awarding resilience and behaviour awards to those pupils who staff have recognized as being resilient, as well as these 4 children.



School places

Please remember that I cannot compromise the safety of staff and children in school, to squeeze in other children. Unfortunately, once our capacity is reached, I will need to say No.

REMOTE LEARNERS

Thanks to all of the Mums and Dads who have listened to the communications and have begun to register their child each Monday and Wednesday. We have had an extension line added to accommodate these messages and we are also adding a further phone line— to accommodate the number of calls we are receiving, on a daily basis.

The photographs and regular writing coming in to various staff is a pleasure to read. Well done children. It is great to see and hear of your determination to keep on learning.

I have relinquished my Twitter duty, now and have handed it over to differing staff. Keep sending it in—it will be added.

Particular thanks to Jacob, who has become "The Voice of SMA". He recorded a very articulate polite message for all parents to listen to. His input on what to say was really appreciated too.



PE ANF RE UPDATES

Please find on the website, under Home learning, a great challenge which has been set up via Miss Wood. It asks you to ... well never mind me telling you, go and check it out on the website! It will definitely be there by tomorrow.

Also, Mums and Dads, Mrs Hayes, as pastoral lead, has attached a great resource to the newsletter, which she has advised staff to use in the coming weeks. It looks at children and the new, soon to be mandatory, RSE (Relationships and Sex Education) changes and presents them in a very approachable way. Over time the portal that she has opened for this resource, will have further information and videos for your use. Please take the time to have a look at this, in terms of how it can support you and your child on their journey through childhood..

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