

# SMA "Partially opened" News



## WHAT IS IN THE PIPELINE?



- ◆ Our **closed twitter account, now has 53 followers**. That is representative of approximately a third of our parents. 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, next week, for Miss Wood's P.E Challenge** . Miss Wood was slightly annoyed that other subject areas were completing quizzes, so she has decided to set out a challenge for all– children, parents and teachers. Watch this space next week.
- ◆ Our **planning will be slightly changing**, moving forward, **from the week beginning the 15th June**. 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.
- ◆ We are in the process of setting up our **Class Pages** on our website. All will be shared across the next two or three weeks, we promise.
- ◆ **Please keep an eye on all email communications** to assist me in planning and organisation. Many thanks
- ◆ Please find attached some good ideas for **keeping things as safe as you can, during Lockdown** whilst all are at home.

## AND FINALLY...

In the words of St Matthew:

*Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.*

**Matt 11:28**

We ask for continued resilience to cope with this difficult world together, leading by example for our children, in all that we say and do.

## PARENT OF THE WEEK

**This week's prize goes to Mr Polito and Mr Browne**. Whoever said that women chat more than men need to watch these two collecting their children... Ladies, they put you to shame!!  
 Congratulations to you both for being the friendliest chatters, this week. Stickers available via your children.



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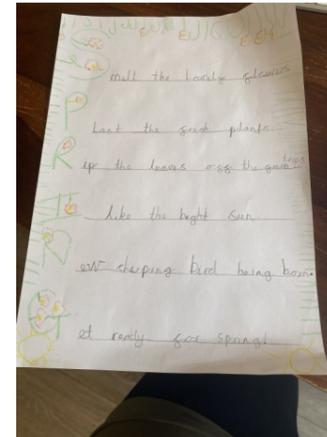
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## PARTIAL RE\_OPENING (CONT'D)

Remote learners, please keep your photos and work flowing in to "pupilpostbox". We really enjoy seeing what you are up to, and can add some of the photos to our Twitter feed and our newsletters, too

Next week, we will commission some tweets from those in school– so that you at home can feel part of the changes, in place.



**Some more lovely writing from our remote learning, for Y1 Thank you**

## SAFETY/SAFEGUARDING

Many thanks to all parents who have listened to and supported the staggered starts/ differing doors, so effectively. The awareness of the still very real threat of Co-Vid, is very clear. We will continue with these practices, until further notice.

A few concerns which have been a little overlooked in a few cases, are as follows:

- 1) Please send children in with a coat, which will be placed on the back of their chair– not amongst others, in the likely event of colder weather.
- 2) **Children are not allowed to bring in additional belongings**– just coat, hat, water bottles and lunch, please.
- 3) **Yes, lunch will be available to all Y1– Y6 children tomorrow. They will then all be collected at 12.30pm** from their usual gates, to facilitate a deep clean and planning. Early years children will need to be collected at 12pm.
- 4) Uniform and sensible clothing has been very good in most cases, and a work in progress for a couple. Please no logos or "best" clothes.

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I CHANGE MY MIND ABOUT MY CHILD RETURNING TO SCHOOL OR I NEED A BREAK TOO?

To date , we have approximately 65 children currently attending school– from various groups, including key workers. **There is no foregone conclusion that all children who wish to use the school facilities will automatically have a place. I have a duty of care to safeguard staff and to safeguard those children already in the building.**

Those parents who have already explained that they will be asking for key worker places, will naturally have priority over others. Those parents who have indicated a desire to return from N, R, Y1 and Y6 will only be accommodated , if there is space available. Key workers who are just deciding to ask now may not be able to be accommodated. Apologies, in advance.  
 Please work with us; I know we are all anxious to return to normality, however, I can only work within the very clear parameters identified in our Risk Assessment and not beyond that. Safeguarding first, I 'm afraid!

## GREAT WORK



The art work and level of support your children have been receiving at home continues to impress us all. Well done!

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Fourthly, welcome back, remotely to all of you children and parents who are working from home. We have missed your photos and emails, too.