



St Mary's News

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Dear Parents,

As the lockdown continues, I hope that you are all as happy and healthy as you can be under the circumstances. There is due to be an announcement this Sunday as to how the Government proposes to ease the lockdown, and what that may mean for the opening of schools. We are expecting a partial opening from the start of June, but as you will have heard on the news, this will not be for all year groups. We will let you know as soon as we hear.

Our prayers are with Mr Agyeman who sadly passed away before Easter. We pray for the whole family, especially his wife — Barbara, and for the five children — Denzil, Maame Acchia, Vanessa, Jayden and Marissa. We are so sorry for their loss.

Parish news

The church website is
<https://www.oblateskilburn.com>
Please visit this website to be able to watch services and keep up with parish news.

First Holy Communion

Father Terry has sent a message to the children. Please click on the link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/111894613774666/posts/132048038425990/?sfnsn=scwspwa&extid=74CjCW9mKavOqNM&r&d=w&vh=e>

Other Religious Links:

The Diocese is live streaming Masses and here is the link to those available. <https://rcdow.org.uk/news/how-to-participate-in-mass-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/>
<https://soundcloud.com/catholicchurch>

May, the month of Mary

May is the month of Mary, in part because May inaugurates the spring with its new life, rising out of the bitterness of winter. That rebirth reminds the faithful of the hope of eternal life offered them by the birth of the savior, Jesus Christ, whom Mary bore.



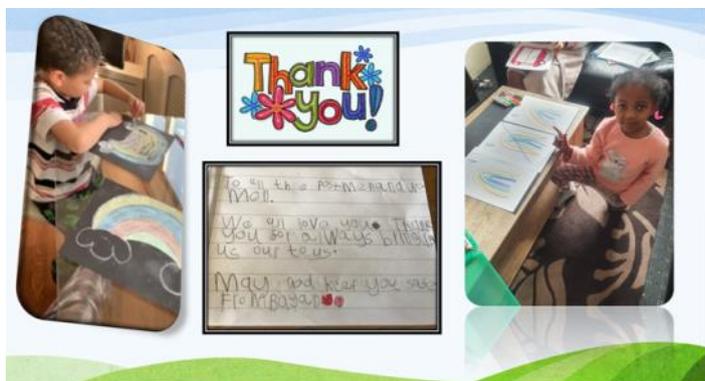
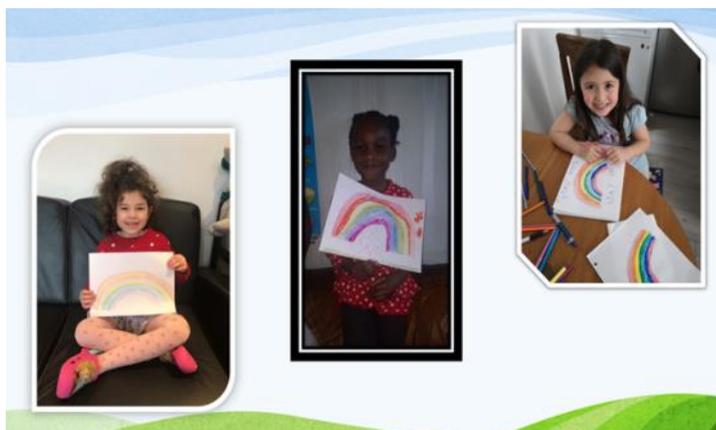
Additional Help

Foodbank: this is run from the parish in Quex Road by Fr. Terry. Please do not feel embarrassed to get in touch if you need support.

Additional Support:

If you need any other additional help including help with vouchers please contact Mrs Pratley as I have details of some organisations which can help. Please either ring the school office or email bpratley@marycps.brent.sch.uk

We have been missing our children over the last few weeks. We are extremely proud of them for adapting to a new way of learning and continuing to show that they are truly limitless. Keep sending your work and photographs in as we enjoy looking at them.



Eligibility for Free School Meals

As you may have heard in the news, the government have introduced a system of vouchers for each child who is eligible for free school meals. We will be emailing these to each family. The will be sent to the email address we have for the main contact of your child. These will be to the value of £15 per child per week.

If you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals but have not yet applied then please apply as soon as possible on-line. By doing this you too will be able to receive a voucher.

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)