



# THANK YOU!



21<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents, Carers, Staff and Governors,

Thank you for working with me to give our children the best possible start to this school year.  
 Thank you to everyone who is listening to reading every day – this is the biggest gift we can give.  
 Thank you to everyone playing board games, card games and anything that involves counting - as my mother always says 'Maths is everywhere - Maths is fun!'  
 Thank you to everyone who is talking to children and encouraging their curiosity – a curious child will become a life-long learner.  
 Thank you to everyone who is giving children access to clubs and other extended opportunities – they need the chance now to experience as much as possible so that they can start to find their own passionate interests.  
 Thank you to everyone for keeping lines of communication open – it is by working together that we can solve problems before they get too big.  
 Thank you to all those answering phones – your kindness and empathy shines through.

Thank you for your support and understanding as we have continued to grapple with COVID challenges – especially since we had all hoped they would be over!

- Thank you for doing regular LFTs tests for your children, even though you don't have to, and being honest with us about the results
- Thank you for persevering with PCR tests
- Thank you for being pragmatic and staying calm with us – even though a report of a positive result can throw a household into turmoil
- Thank you to all those keeping our site safe and clean
- Thank you to everyone feeding our children on site – coping with the crazy rotas and increasing numbers
- Thank you to everyone keeping the school well-ventilated
- Thank you to Anna Woodward, Sahrah Chaudhri and Kate Wylie for ensuring that there are wonderful, professional adults working with your children every day despite lots of COVID absence!
- Thank you to teachers adding to their multi-tasking genius by delivering 'hybrid' lessons – live and online simultaneously is not easy!

Who knows what the next half-term will bring – there may well be trouble ahead, but in true St Mary's fashion let's just face the music and dance!

My thoughts and prayers are with all of your facing bereavement and sickness, and all those looking forward to family gatherings and life events (we hope you have a fabulous wedding day Mr Menham!)

Have a good break over the half-term.  
 Best wishes

Sarah Lewis

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