



St Mary's Catholic Primary School School Bulletin

12th March 2021

SUBJECT	YEAR GROUPS RELEVANT TO	STAFF CONTACT
Welcome back everyone	All	Mrs Scanlon

It has been so lovely this week welcoming all the children back to school and we have been really pleased with the way they have settled back into their routines and expectations in class. It is wonderful to be back together again.

It continues to be an exciting time here at St Mary's, as we look forward to the future together and we were delighted that our Chair of Governors, Lorna Buckwell, was able to announce this week the appointment of our new Deputy Headteacher; Mr Daniel Getty, who will be joining us in Term 5 after the Easter holidays. Mr Getty will be visiting the school next week to meet the staff and the children and I am sure you will join me as we welcome him into the community here at St Mary's.

I would very much like to thank Mrs Hills for being our Acting Assistant Head throughout Term 3 and 4 and for all her work leading on inclusion. I am also really pleased to inform you that Mrs Hills will be remaining on the staff team in Terms 5 and 6. Mrs Hills will be continuing to support the school until the end of the academic year before she begins her new role working for East Sussex Teaching and Learning Provision in September 2021.

Finally, I am delighted to inform you that Miss Russell is expecting her second child and will be going on Maternity leave during Term 5. We are very pleased to inform you that Mrs Lawlor, will be covering Miss Russell's maternity leave in Years 5 and 6.

Have a lovely weekend
Best wishes
Mrs Scanlon

Reminder - Start and End of Day arrangements	All	Mrs Scanlon
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Thank you for following the arrangements put in place by the school for the start and the end of the day. It is important that as a school community we continue to follow the Government National Covid19 restrictions at all times.

Reminders

Please can you ensure you are following the school arrangements as detailed below at these times:

- We ask that one adult only completes the morning drop off and collection at the end of the day and that adults wear masks whilst dropping their children at school and whilst on the school site (unless unable to for medical reasons)
- We ask that adults leave the site as quickly as possible in the mornings and at the end of the day in order to provide space for other parents/carers to drop off/collect their children safely.

Please do not stay longer than necessary on the pavement area outside the school and Church site. Please use your judgement and do not over crowd this area.

- Please can we ask that parents/carers maintain social distancing on the school site whilst waiting in the designated places to collect their children.

Symptom-free testing for parents and other adults in households with children at school or college	All	East Sussex Public Health Team
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All households with primary and secondary school and college age children, and childcare and support bubbles, are being encouraged to start regular twice-weekly testing from March 8.

The Director of Public Health at East Sussex County Council has written a letter to parents and carers with children at school and college providing details of how they can access lateral flow tests. Please see the **attached letter** to parents and carers.

FREE ONLINE PARENTING SUPPORT AVAILABLE (APRIL - MAY 21)	All	Triple P Team East Sussex
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We are delivering **FREE** simple, practical strategies that have been proven to work around the world, helping parents raise happy, confident children; set family routines and rules that everyone can follow; and balance work and family life with less stress.

Parents can access as much or as little as they like, and just small changes will make a big difference!

All of the sessions on offer can be found in the **attached guide**.

To book places please email info@openforparents.org.uk or call 01424 725800.

Comic Relief 2021	ALL	Miss Morley
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WEAR SOMETHING RED on Friday 19th March 2021 and support Comic Relief's Red Nose Day appeal. Pupils and staff may come dressed in their own clothes (as long as they are wearing something red) for a voluntary contribution to Comic Relief.

Device Loaning	ALL	Miss Morley
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An email went out last week, regarding device loaning. If a bubble were to close and you require a device for your child to use at home, then please fill out the application form attached to the email and return to me asap. Any queries, please contact me on gussie@stmarysrc.e-sussex.sch.uk. Thank you.

Mass at St Mary's Church and Easter bookings	All	Fr Dominic
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Fr Dominic welcomes everyone back to the public celebration of Mass at St Mary's from this weekend (13th/14th March)

Places need to be booked for Saturday, Sunday and Easter Masses respectively.

Saturday 6pm

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/saturday-evening-vigil-mass-at-6pm-at-st-marys-rc-church-crowborough-tickets-130904503895>

Sunday 9.30am

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/sunday-mass-at-930am-at-st-marys-rc-church-crowborough-tickets-125810914833>

Easter weekend

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/easter-sunday-and-weekend-2021-mass-bookings-at-st-marys-crowborough-tickets-130905121743>

Full details are available on the Parish website at

<https://www.stmaryscrowborough.org.uk/recent-announcements/public-mass-to-resume>

Weekday Masses at 10.15am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday do not need to be booked. Just turn up for any weekday Masses, with a piece of paper with your name, phone number and the date on it for test

and trace records.

Everyone is very welcome to attend.

If you can't physically get to Mass, there is now a Parish YouTube channel streaming live Masses and recordings to watch later at:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCbwTqYP8MG_TSXcKvFI9R7A

To stay up to date, please follow the Parish on Facebook at @stmaryscrowborough

We look forward to welcoming you back to Mass.

Thank you	All	Friends of St Mary's
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The Friends of St Mary's want to thank the parish of St Mary's Church who have very kindly donated £1,000 to the FSM last week to help make up some of the funds we have lost through Covid. This is a very much appreciated addition to the funds which are raised by the Friends for the benefit of the children at St Mary's school. Thank you.

School Uniform Suppliers	All	Office
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Our local uniform supply shop, Philips Man's Shop is closing its Crowborough store and ending supplying the Crowborough schools' uniforms from the end of March. Although Philips Man's shop is keeping its main Cranbrook store open, they have decided to cease supplying the Crowborough schools' uniforms to concentrate on the area local to their Kent store.

As our school will no longer have the convenience of a local retail outlet in our town, our business manager has been researching alternative suppliers with a view to finding a good quality uniform supplier with reasonable prices.

We have chosen Brigade which is a well-established reputable online retailer that can supply the items of our uniform that carry the embroidered school badge such as the jumpers, cardigans, polo shirts and PE t-shirts. They also offer other optional items embroidered with the school badge such as bags, hats, coats, and fleeces. They can also supply other non-badged uniform items such as grey skirts, pinafores, trousers, shorts etc, but these items can be sourced from any supplier.

Schoolwear from Brigade is now available to purchase online. Please find the link below:

<http://www.brigade.uk.com/index.php>

Click on the ordering for parents' button and then search **St Mary's Catholic Primary School East Sussex**. Please remember to include the apostrophe in Mary's or the link will not find the school

I also attach the Brigade ordering guide to this newsletter.

We have updated our uniform policy with a change to the summer dress, which can be worn in terms 1, 5, and 6. This was previously a mid-blue and white striped dress but we are aware that there are less retailers stocking striped dresses. Therefore, we have changed the policy for the summer dress to be mid blue and white gingham checked which are far more widely available from many retailers. Brigade can also supply a gingham dress. It is still acceptable for striped dresses to be worn for the time being until you need to replace them, after which we ask that you to change to the gingham dress pattern. The summer dress is an optional item of uniform as all children may continue to wear grey, shorts, skirts, trousers etc. with the blue polo shirt (or white for year 6 only) through the summer terms.

Attached to this newsletter is our updated uniform policy from March 2021 detailing the changes and the new supplier's details.

Until the end of the month stock can still be ordered online from Philips Man's shop (link below) but they have said that they have limited stock / sizes still available.

<https://schools.phillips-mans-shops.co.uk/shop/st-marys-catholic-school/>

Vacancy for a school cleaner

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Office

We are looking to appoint a
Cleaner to start ASAP

Hours of work: 8 hours per week

Working pattern: Part-time

Closing date: Midday, Friday 26th March 2021

We require a Cleaner to join our friendly and supportive team as soon as possible. We wish to appoint a reliable individual who has initiative and attention to detail.

£9.25 an hour - Single Status Grade 1

The post is for 8 hours per week. These hours are worked after school from 3.30pm. Monday to Thursday 1½ hours per day and 2 hours on a Friday during term time and the required days during the school holidays.

For more information and to apply for the above post, please contact:

the school office or visit our website where you can find the job description and application form. Please note, we do not accept CVs.

Email: office@stmarysrc.e-sussex.sch.uk

Website link <https://www.stmarysrc.e-sussex.sch.uk/vacancies>

Attached documents

Uniform Policy March 2021.

Brigade ordering guide

Positive Parenting guide

Testing of households