



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Bulletin

11th June 2021

SUBJECT	YEAR GROUPS RELEVANT TO	STAFF CONTACT
Welcome to Term 6	All	Mrs Scanlon

Welcome back everyone!

The children have returned excitedly to school this week and have been full of news about their Half term holiday activities. They have been hard at work throughout the week once again and it has been lovely to start the term in such a positive way. We were also delighted that some of our school governors from the Learning Team were also able to visit us this week.

We also welcomed our new Teaching Assistant; Mr Owen Coleman, who has joined the staff team and school community here at St Mary's this term. Mr Coleman will be working in school as part of our support staff and inclusion team throughout the school.

There is much planned for Term 6 and as a result we have included in the Bulletin the events calendar once again as a reminder of what is hopefully ahead of us over the coming weeks. Of course, these events are all subject to national restrictions being eased and we will of course keep you updated about whether they will be going ahead as planned, as we hear more from the government over the coming weeks.

Today we were able to hold our Inside/Outside Day led by Mr Getty, in which the children were able to come into school wearing their uniform (or one item such as their jumper) 'inside out'.

The idea for the 'Inside Out Day' was to help the children to consider the way that feelings/emotions are often hidden and how important it is to demonstrate empathy towards others as you are not always aware of how they might be feeling or the struggles and worries they might face.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the day and there have been some great examples across the school of our children exhibiting empathy and demonstrating understanding of others' needs and helping everyone wherever possible - which has been wonderful to witness.

Best wishes
Mrs Scanlon

Diary Dates	All	Office
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Planned diary dates but possible subject to change due to Government restrictions in place at the time.

Term 6	
June	
7.6.21	First day of Term 6 for pupils
15.6.21	Swimming lessons start for Years 3 & 5
16.6.21	Swimming lessons start for Years 2, 4 & 6

15.6.21 9.30- 11am	Beacon Academy – Year 5 Virtual Open Event for parents and carers
16.6.21 9.30 - 10.30	Beacon Academy – Year 5 Virtual Open Event for children, shown in class
16.6.21	St Gregory's Catholic Secondary School - Open Event for Year 5 pupils and parents 8.55am to 12pm
18.6.21	Friends of St Mary's – 'Do Something Different 'day.
21.6.21	RE Events week - Islam
21.6.21	Red and Violet Class. Groups Photos
28.6.21	Violet Class retreat day with Fr Dominic
July	
1.7.21	New Reception Class 2021 Transition - Make and Take (10-11am)
1.7.21 - 3.7.21	Violet Class Residential (camp in school grounds)
3.7.21	Friends of St Mary's Music Festival 6pm
5.7.21	Secondary School Experience Day at St Gregory's for Indigo Class
5.7.21 & 6.7.21	Violet Class Transition Days for pupils going to Beacon - 2 days
8.7.21 & 9.7.21	Violet Class Transition Days for pupils going to St. Gregory's - 2 days
9.7.21	Sports Day and picnic lunch
11.7.21	Parish Party to celebrate Fr Kevin's 60 th ordination anniversary 2pm to 8pm
12.7.21	INSET Day - School closed to all pupils.
14.7.21	New Reception Class 2021 Transition - Stay and Play (10-11am)
14.7.21 & 15.7.21	Violet/Indigo School Production (evenings)
16.7.21	Reserve Sports Day
23.7.21	Leavers Mass 9.30am
23.7.21	Last Day of Term (1pm finish)

School Swimming lessons

Years 2-6

Mrs Piper

We will be starting swimming lessons weekly for Years 2 to 6 from next Wednesday 16th June, please see timetable below.

Children must bring in a towel, a one-piece swim suit or swimming trunks (not baggy shorts) and a swimming hat in a named waterproof / plastic bag. Your child may also bring goggles if required but these are optional. Please ensure that all your children's items are named and please note that if your child does not have the required equipment, they will not be allowed to swim.

If you have completed a DBS check with the school recently and are available to help for Year 2's swimming sessions on Thursday mornings, please let the office know. We do not require volunteer helpers for years 3,4,5 & 6 at present.

We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £10 per child for swimming lessons for the rest of this term. This is to help towards the additional costs of the pool maintenance and the teaching staff. Payments can be made via Parentmail.

We hope to start swimming for Reception and Year 1 as soon as possible, we are looking into the additional help needed for these year groups and the availability of volunteers.

Weekly Swimming Timetable starting Wednesday 16th June

	Morning Session 2			Afternoon Session 1			Afternoon Session 2		
	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
	10.35	11.00	11.25	12.55	13.20	13.40	14.00	14.20	14.40
Wed.				Green (3)			Indigo (5)		
Thurs.	Yellow (2)			Blue (4)			Violet (6)		

Learning Team Visit

All

Lorna Buckwell

On Wednesday, governors from the Learning Team were delighted to be able to visit St Mary's in person once again.

We met with staff in the new outdoor classroom on the school field, (a fabulous addition to the school grounds, allowing all the children to have an opportunity to learn outside) and we also had an opportunity to speak with the School Council.

During our visit, we spoke with staff and pupils about their experiences of learning both remotely and in school throughout the lockdown, as well as the learning that took place throughout this time and also since the full return to school back in March. The governors heard about all the hard work that has been put into continuing to move the learning forward and developing the curriculum in order to benefit all our children.

It was a thoroughly enjoyable and informative visit and governors from the Wellbeing Team are also looking forward to their time in school next week.

Water Bottles

All

School Office

Please ensure that your child comes to school each day with a named and filled water bottle. Especially in this warmer weather it is important that the children keep hydrated throughout the school day.

We are no longer supplying branded school water bottles as most children prefer to buy their own. Please if you are buying a new water bottle for your child, a pull-up sports type cap is preferred as it reduces spillages.

We have a small number of the school water bottles left but unfortunately, we do not have any of the caps and we cannot buy these in small quantities from the existing supplier.

If anyone would like a new St Mary's water bottle and you already have spare lids, please call in to the school office, we will sell the remaining bottles (without caps) at the reduced price of 50p.

Baby Congratulations	All	Mrs Scanlon
<p>We are happy to share the news that Miss Russell has had a baby girl. We send the whole family our warmest wishes and congratulations.</p>		
School Attendance	All	Mrs Scanlon
<p>Please note that your child's attendance is expected in school during term time. Holidays in term time will not be authorised and could result in a fine being issued from East Sussex. Please see the information on the link below.</p> <p>https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/attendance-behaviour/holidays-term-time/</p>		
School Uniform / Badges	All	Office
<p>We have received a new supply of the iron-on school uniform badges. Unfortunately, the manufacturers costs have increased and therefore we will need to increase the charge to £1.70 per badge to cover the cost. Badges are available now from the school office and we do accept cash payment. Iron on badges can be used on pale blue polo shirts or the royal blue cardigans and jumpers if you prefer to buy the non-branded items from other suppliers/supermarkets.</p> <p>Our new uniform supplier for the branded and woven items of uniform is online only at http://www.brigade.uk.com/direct/index.php</p> <p>Please note our new uniform policy allows the pale blue gingham checked girls summer dresses as well as the pale blue and white striped dresses due to limited supplier availability.</p> <p>Phillips Man Shop, our previous school uniform supplier still has a small supply of St Mary's uniform to buy online, now at reduced prices. However, stocks are limited and they will not be restocking any sold-out sizes. Please review their website for availability.</p> <p>https://schools.phillips-mans-shops.co.uk/shop/st-marys-catholic-school/</p> <p>The Friends of St Mary's are planning to hold second hand uniform sales in the week beginning 21st June and we will give full details of the times and dates in next week's bulletin</p> <p>Please note that as high street retailers are now open again, from the start of the new school year in September, we expect pupils to have the required school shoes in line with our uniform policy. Our uniform policy is attached for your information.</p>		
Summer Dance and Stagecoach Workshops	ALL	Office
<p>Please see attached letter from Studio N Dance regarding Summer Holiday Dance Workshop in Langton Green Village Hall.</p> <p>A further poster is attached advertising Summer workshops being held by Stagecoach in Tunbridge Wells.</p>		
Open Gardens	ALL	Office
<p>Janet Gamba, who has for many years looked after the garden at the front of our school, is opening her garden Sweet Springs, Fairview Lane (together with three other gardens - all within walking distance of the town centre) for the NGS charity on Thursday 17th June from 1pm to 5pm. Parking is at the main car park and teas and cakes are in the Community Centre Cafe. The cost of entry for all four gardens is £6 (book online or correct money on the day, please - pay at the first garden).</p>		

Don't forget the following FSM events coming up, starting with:

Do Something Different Day – Friday 18th June – The Children will have a chance to do something different on this day. See attached poster for details and our Facebook Page.

Start having a clear out for:

Bags2School – Tuesday 22nd June – Donate any unwanted items (from a list) in any bag and the school will be given money!! Further details on our Facebook Page with a full list of what can and cannot be donated. No limit to the number of bags, the more we have, the more money you raise for school. Please bring bags to school on the morning of Tuesday 22nd June.

Get your Tickets for our exciting:

Music Festival – Saturday 3rd July – Please see attached poster for details.

Please note that the free burger included with the family ticket is for one burger per family ticket and additional food can be purchased from the BBQ on the night. The Bar & BBQ will only go ahead if restrictions allow. No food or alcohol to be brought onto the school premises unless the Bar and BBQ cannot go ahead. There will be no on the door sales and **if the event cannot go ahead tickets will be fully refunded.**

Please pay for your family ticket with either cash of £20 per family, or by cheque payable to 'Friends of St Mary's'. Maximum 6 people per Family ticket. Please send either cash or cheque in to school in a sealed envelope with your family name and the school office will collect the funds. Tickets will be issued and sent home with your child nearer the event. Please note that numbers are restricted so please buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

Attachments to the Bulletin

School Uniform Policy
FSM Summer Music Festival flyer
FSM Do Something Different Day
Studio N Dace Summer Workshop
Stagecoach Summer Workshop