



St Mary's Catholic Primary School School Bulletin

5th March 2021

SUBJECT	YEAR GROUPS RELEVANT TO	STAFF CONTACT
Return to school for all children Monday 8th March 2021	All	Mrs Scanlon
<p>On Monday 8th March 2021, we will be welcoming back all of our children who have been learning at home throughout Term 3 and the beginning of Term 4.</p> <p>The staff and I are very much looking forward to us all being back together again next week and, as your new Headteacher at St Mary's, it will be wonderful to be able to meet all of our children and families in person at last.</p> <p>I would once again like to thank the staff and yourselves, as parents and carers, for all of your hard work and dedication to our children throughout Term 3 and these last two weeks. It has been a monumental effort by everyone to ensure that our children's learning has continued so successfully, whether they have been learning in school or at home. Thank you all for your efforts, as well as your continued support of the staff and the school throughout this time.</p> <p>The staff have also been working very hard in preparation for all of the children's return on Monday and I know Mrs Hills sent out information yesterday to ensure a smooth transition, as we all join together again next week.</p> <p>I will be at the gates at the start and the end of the day and I am looking forward to getting to know even more of you over the coming weeks.</p> <p>Have a lovely weekend.</p> <p>Best wishes to you all Mrs Scanlon</p>		
Welcome back Mrs Piper	All	Carol Scanlon
<p>We are delighted to welcome back Mrs Piper to the school, who is returning to St Mary's on Monday 8th March, following her maternity leave and will be re-joining her class in Year 5.</p>		
Pupil/Parent/Teacher Consultations	All	Liz Hills
<p>Parent/Pupil/Teacher consultations will take place the week commencing 26/4/21. The consultations will be held by phone as they were earlier in the year. Further information will be given in the next couple of weeks regarding days on which the consultations will take place and how to book a consultation slot.</p>		
School Meals	All	Office
<p>Our school meals provider is returning to offering the full menu from Monday 8th March 2021. I attach a copy of the weekly menu choices for your reference. Please note this Monday's menu is starting back on week 1.</p>		
Asymptomatic testing information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college	All	DfE
<p><i>The DfE have asked us to share this information with our parents/carers</i></p>		

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are different ways for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site – anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests
- by ordering a home test kit online – please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test.

Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

Clubs after school	All	Office
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We are currently in the process of communicating with activity club providers to resume after school club activities. However, there will be NO clubs running next week commencing the 8th March. We will communicate via Parent mail once we have had confirmation of start dates and sign-up details.

Attached - Chartwells Autumn/Winter Menu