



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School School Bulletin

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021

SUBJECT	YEAR GROUPS RELEVANT TO	STAFF CONTACT
Welcome back – Term 5	All	Carol Scanlon

A warm welcome back to you all. I do hope you had a good Easter holidays and were able to have a rest and enjoy the last two weeks.

It has been an excellent start to the term. The children have returned with their usual enthusiasm and excitement and have been ready to learn and enjoy being back together with their friends and teachers – which has been lovely to see.

We have been very pleased to welcome Mr Getty, our new Deputy Headteacher to St Mary's this term. Mr Getty has already been very busy this week getting to know our children and staff, as well as the routines of daily life here at St Mary's. He has been at the top of the drive and on the green at the start and at the end of the day to see our children home safely as well as greet parents/carers, which he will continue to do throughout the term – so please do say hello if you see him.

We were also delighted that during the Easter Break our '**Wild Learning Area**' was established following on from all the hard work the children had put into designing and making recommendations for this area which was led by Mrs Tabassi-Gill, as well as the funding provided by the Friends of St Marys to enable this area to be created. Many thanks to you all for your hard work and support which has resulted in an excellent learning space for all our children here at St Mary's.

There is still some work to do before this area is fully ready for the children to use this term, but staff have had training this week and the children have been shown the area and the exciting resources that have been added to this part of our playground; which has included a Bug Hotel, a hedgehog box and areas in which to dig and excavate. It truly is a wonderful new resource for our children to use and explore.

There is much ahead of us at St Mary's for us all as a school and community to enjoy throughout the next two terms and we hope as restrictions are eased by the government, as part of the national roadmap out of lockdown, that many of our usual activities and events will be able to take place. We look forward to letting you know more details/dates etc when we are position to do so.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Parking	All	Office
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We have had complaints regarding the parking within the school vicinity when dropping off and collecting their children from this school. Please can all parents be considerate when parking and abide by the highway regulations. This is for the safety of all the children and parents when accessing the school site.

Parking is not allowed on double yellow lines and also there have been reports of parking over or very close to the road junctions especially with Pollington Place and Montargis Way. Parking too close to the road junctions is a hazard for all road users and we would not want to see any road traffic accidents caused by bad parking.

Please also be considerate of our neighbours. Please do not park across driveways or even partially restricting access from residents' driveways, especially in Gordon Road. Residents are entitled to have unrestricted access to and from their private driveways at all times.

Thank you for your consideration, this is for the safety of all our children and the local community.

<b>Contacting CLASS+</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Liz Hills</b>
<p><b>Communication, Learning and Autism Support Service Plus (for parents/carers)</b></p> <p>Parents looking for advice, strategies, ideas, and information in regard to their child, autism, and homebased concerns are encouraged to call CLASS+.</p> <p>To book a telephone call or a video consultation with a member of CLASS+ team parents can phone 01273 336887.</p> <p>The Admin Team will take down their information and pass it onto the CLASS+ team who will get back to them to find a suitable time to talk.</p>		
<b>Welcome to Our Students</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Liz Hills</b>
<p>We would like to offer a very warm welcome to our four Brighton University BA students who will be working at St Mary's over the course of term five. It is always a privilege and pleasure for school staff to work with students and to play a part in their training and development. This term we welcome Henry Reid and Laura Denyer who are on their first school placement and will be working in Green Class. We also welcome Amy Fines and Langdon Woolsey-Cooper who are undertaking their second school placement with us in Blue Class. I am sure you will all extend them a very warm St Mary's welcome.</p>		
<b>Staying Safe Online - TikTok</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Liz Hills</b>
<p>Please take a few moments to check out the flyer sent out with this week's bulletin giving clear and concise information that every parent needs to know about TikTok. It will take you no more than 10 minutes to read the information, enabling you to do something towards keeping your child/children safe online in a really short amount of time. Please work with us as we strive to ensure that the children of St Mary's use the internet in a safe and responsible way. We all have a part to play. Thank you.</p>		
<b>Veg Power</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Office</b>
<p>As part of Veg Power's on-going mission to encourage the UK to eat more veg, they would like to make it easier for parents and carers to add more veg to children's lunchboxes. Recent research from Leeds University found that only one in five children had any vegetables or salad in their packed lunch.</p> <p>To support parents, Veg Power has developed a '60 Second Lunchbox Hacks' PDF for circulation to parents via schools. It features easy-to-implement ideas and serves to make this task as simple as possible.</p> <p>Please see attached Flyer for ideas.</p>		
<b>Letter to Parents and Carers 'Come and See' RE programme Terms 5 and 6</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Carol Scanlon</b>
<p>Please see the attached Letter to Parents/Carers which outlines the RE topics that will be covered in Terms 5 and 6 from the 'Come and See' programme.</p>		
<b>Junior Fishing Day</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Office</b>
<p>Please see attached flyer advertising a free Junior fishing day run by the local Anglers Association.</p>		
<p>Documents attached to this Bulletin</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Veg Power</li> <li>Come and See letter</li> <li>Tik-Tok guidance</li> <li>Uckfield Girls Football Flyer</li> <li>Junior fishing day flyer</li> </ul>		