

# St Mary's Catholic Primary School School Bulletin

1<sup>st</sup> April 2021

SUBJECT	YEAR GROUPS RELEVANT TO	STAFF CONTACT
<b>End of Term Four</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Carol Scanlon</b>
<p>Term 4 has drawn to a close and we have been truly blessed by the lovely sunny spring weather this week. It has also been so wonderful this term to have been back together as a whole school, sharing in more of our usual routines and activities.</p> <p>Lent has also been a very special time for us throughout the term, as we have all been reflecting on what we can do for others.</p> <p>Over the last few weeks Father Dominic has continued to join us all in school and has led some of our Gospel assemblies, as well as our Maundy Thursday reflection this morning. We thank Father Dominic for giving each child a palm cross to take home this week to remind them of Palm Sunday, as well as the start of Holy Week.</p> <p>Miss Heathcote also placed the Stations of the Cross around our field and arranged for each class to have access to 'Pilgrim Bags' from Wintershall, to enable our children to reflect on 'The Way of the Cross' as they passed by each station.</p> <p>Thank you once again for your support and kindness as a community throughout the term. Happy Easter to you all.</p>		
<b>Farewell to Miss Heathcote</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Carol Scanlon</b>
<p>Sadly, as the term draws to a close, we are saying farewell to Miss Heathcote, who will be leaving St Mary's today.</p> <p>We thank Miss Heathcote very much for all her hard work and dedication to St Mary's over the last six and a half years and send her our best wishes as she embarks on her new endeavours.</p> <p>We will all miss you, Miss Heathcote.</p>		
<b>Contact Tracing over the Easter Holiday</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Mrs Scanlon</b>
<p>During the Easter holidays the school is still required to carry out contact tracing.</p> <p>If your child tests positive for coronavirus during the Easter holidays, having developed symptoms <b>within 48 hours of being in school</b>, you must inform the school via email (<a href="mailto:office@stmarysrc.e-sussex.sch.uk">office@stmarysrc.e-sussex.sch.uk</a>). This means that if your child develops symptoms or takes a test for coronavirus before 23:59 on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April you must inform the school.</p> <p>If your child develops symptoms or takes a test after 23:59 on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April you do not need to inform the school as your child will not have had contact within the school setting with any other pupils or staff members within the 48 hours contact period. In these circumstances you should follow contact tracing instructions provided by the NHS Test and Trace.</p>		
<b>2021 Admissions</b>	<b>New Reception Pupils</b>	<b>School Office</b>

Decisions regarding the allocation of our reception class places for September 2021 admissions will be emailed or posted from the East Sussex Admissions team on 16 April from around 9:30am to parents/carers.

We advise parents to accept the place allocated with East Sussex Admissions department as soon as possible. Please be aware, if you choose to refuse the place you may be left without a school place in September.

As the offers date falls into the Easter holiday period, we will be in touch with the families who have been allocated a place after we return to school. Our admissions secretary Tracy Shields will be in school from Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021 and will deal with issuing admissions forms and provide additional information after this date.

The deadline for waiting list, appeals, and change of allocation requests is Tuesday 18 May 2021. No new offers will be made before that date, and it is likely to take until mid-June for the majority of offers to be made.

If a parent has applied by 16 March, they should receive a decision on national offer day. If they applied later this will be considered after 18 May.

If a parent has not yet applied, please apply online as soon possible through the East Sussex website. There is no guarantee of a school place.

Pupil, Parent, Teacher Consultations	ALL	School Office
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You will have seen a letter with information on the upcoming Pupil Parent Teacher Consultations which will take place in Term 5 after the Easter holidays. These will once again take place as a phone call as they did back in November last year.

The consultation evenings are planned for the following dates:

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> April 15:30 – 18:00 – All Year Groups**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 15:30 – 18:00 – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5**

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April 15:30 – 18:00 - Year R, Year 1, Year 2, Year 6**

The teachers will be offering 5-minute phone consultations to discuss with parents/carers their child's progress to date, target areas for improvement for the coming months and ways in which we can work in partnership this year to support your child's education at St Mary's.

Signing up sheets will be made available at the end of each school day from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April. The sheets will be placed on a chair in the vicinity of the collection points for each class on the school site. Pens will not be made available – please bring your own.

If you usually meet your children at the top of the drive, please can we ask that you take the time to come onto the school site one afternoon to book a slot. If you do not collect your children from school, please contact the school office by phone between the hours of 09:30 and 14:00 from Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April to arrange a slot.

Lost Property	ALL	School Office
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There is a concerning amount of nameless lost property in the basket in the school reception area. Please may we remind you to label **ALL** uniform, particularly at the moment with Covid-19. None of the uniform in lost property has a name in, which makes it very difficult to return to children.

Please could we ask you over the Easter Holidays, to check that **ALL** school uniform is labelled.

Many thanks

Ukulele Lessons	Green Class	School Office
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Ukulele lessons are running again. The Ukulele teacher has increased the length of the lessons to make up for the missed lessons during lockdown. We ask for a voluntary contribution of £20 to help towards the cost of the

lessons provided by tutors from the East Sussex Music Service. There is a facility set up on ParentMail if you wish to make your contribution if you have not already done so.

Thank you

**Easter Rugby Camp**

**ALL**

**Crowborough RFC**

The Easter Harlequins Rugby Camp we posted in the school bulletin last week, is now fully booked. The Club will be running a camp in the summer and details of this will be communicated to you nearer the time.

**Stagecoach Classes**

**ALL**

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Please see attached flyers regarding Stagecoach Classes you may be interested in for your children.

**RSE Consultation**

**All**

**Mrs Scanlon**

Our RSE Policy consultation will end on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2021.

Our RSE school policy can be found on the school website by clicking on the **School Information** tab and then on **Policies**. A copy is also available from the school office.

If you have any further questions/comments as part of this consultation, please email Mrs Scanlon at [head@stmarysrc.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:head@stmarysrc.e-sussex.sch.uk)

**School Meals**

**All**

**Office**

We have been informed by Chartwells that the menu choices will remain as they have been for the Autumn / Winter menu except for the addition of baguettes for the summer terms. The choices for baguettes will be ham, cheese, tuna mayonnaise or egg mayonnaise.

We have not received a new printed menu so please continue to refer to the existing Autumn / Winter menu attached again for reference. We will be returning to school on Week 2 of the choices cycle for the week beginning 19th April, then Week 3 options will be on the 26th April and Week 1 choices 4th May and so on. Children will continue to make their menu choices in school every day and remain free for children in years R, 1 & 2. If you pay for meals in Key Stage 2 the daily cost is £2.10 and should be booked and paid for in advance through Parentpay. [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com) Contact the school office if you need to set up an account.

**Attachments**

Chartwell's Autumn / Winter Menu  
Stagecoach Flyers x 2