



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School

## School Bulletin

27<sup>th</sup> May 2021

SUBJECT	YEAR GROUPS RELEVANT TO	STAFF CONTACT
End of Term 5	All	Mrs Scanlon

As Term 5 draws to a close there is much to reflect on and celebrate.

The children have worked hard throughout the last six weeks to develop their skills, knowledge and understanding across the curriculum and it has been wonderful to see such exciting and interesting lessons being enjoyed by all our children.

There have been many occasions during the term when the children have spoken excitedly to me about their work, what they have found out in their lessons or shown me items that they have made; and it has been lovely to share this with them.

They are all more than ready, after all their hard work and enthusiasm, for the Half Term break and I hope that the children, and you all have a well-deserved rest over the coming weeks.

Thank you once again for your support as a community throughout the term.

Contact Tracing over the Half Term Holiday	All	Mrs Scanlon
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During the Half Term holiday, the school is still required to carry out contact tracing.

If your child tests positive for coronavirus during the Half Term holiday, having developed symptoms **within 48 hours of being in school**, you must inform the school via email ([office@stmarysrc.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:office@stmarysrc.e-sussex.sch.uk)). This means that if your child develops symptoms or takes a test for coronavirus before 23:59 on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2021 you must inform the school.

If your child develops symptoms or takes a test after 23:59 on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2021 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.

Farewell to Mrs Allitt	All	Mrs Scanlon
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Sadly, as the term draws to a close, we are saying farewell to Mrs Allitt who will be leaving St Mary's today.

Mrs Allitt has been a member of our staff team throughout the last year, both in her roles as a mid-day supervisor and more recently as a member of our support staff. We thank her very much for all her hard work and dedication to our school and send her our best wishes as she embarks on her new endeavours over the coming months.

Welcome	All	Mrs Scanlon
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We wish to inform you that Mr Owen Coleman will be joining the staff as a Teaching Assistant from the start of Term 6.

We look forward to welcoming Mr Coleman to the St Mary's school community and as a new member of our staff team.

<b>Inside Out Day</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Mr Getty</b>
<p>On <b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June</b>, we are inviting the children to come into school wearing their uniform (or one item such as their jumper) 'inside out'.</p> <p>Our 'Inside Out Day' will have a Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing focus, helping 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.</p>		
<b>Thank you to Waitrose</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Mrs Scanlon</b>
<p>We have been contacted by Waitrose who launched their Give a Little Love Campaign at Christmas and have been supporting families and individuals hit by the pandemic and suffering hardship. For this quarter they are concentrating on reducing child poverty and have kindly offered our school a donation for supplying breakfasts in school or supply uniform for families in need. Thank you, Waitrose, for your generosity.</p>		
<b>Cool Milk</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Office</b>
<p>We have been informed that Cool Milk will increase the price of milk for over-5 children from 22p to 23p per 189ml portion per day from 1/7/2021. Under-5 children will continue to receive milk free-of-charge. They have said that the new price is driven by recent increases in the prices they pay dairy partners and also by ever-increasing overheads. Food prices have increased nationwide as farmers and distributors strive to maintain a sustainable business whilst confronted by significant increases in the cost of their feed, fuel, packaging supplies and general operating overheads.</p> <p>If you wish for your child to receive a carton of milk in school daily, full details and how to register can be found at <a href="https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/">https://www.coolmilk.com/parents/</a></p>		
<b>Millbrook Half Term Activities</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>Office</b>
<p><b>Let's get growing together!</b>  <a href="#">National Children's Gardening Week</a> takes place during half-term (29th May to 6th June) and celebrates the fun and many benefits gardens hold for children. In support, we're encouraging children to explore their gardens, engage with nature and get growing with lots of activities for our Millbrook Minis to enjoy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>FREE in-store seeds giveaway</b></li> <li>• <b>FREE in-store Peppa Pig booklets</b></li> <li>• <b>FREE <a href="#">Kids' Gardening Activity Pack</a></b></li> <li>• <b><a href="#">WIN a raised bed for your school!</a></b></li> </ul> <p>Read our <a href="#">Let's Get Growing blog</a> to find out more. Together, we can help children grow.</p>		
<b>Volunteers</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>Anita Dean - Office</b>
<p>As per the school bulletin on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May, we would like to once again ask any parents if they would like to become a volunteer for school.</p> <p>As and when Government restrictions are lifted, we are hoping that we can ask our parent volunteers into school again for helping with activities such as swimming, reading, and after school events.</p> <p>All parent volunteers will need to complete a new DBS check, even if one has been completed in the past. The guidance from East Sussex has stated that new checks for all volunteers must be made because of the length of time that has elapsed since volunteers were last in school.</p>		

If you are able to volunteer in school please email [anita@stmarysrc.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:anita@stmarysrc.e-sussex.sch.uk) who will be able to send you all the necessary information.

Thank you

**Piano**

**ALL**

**Office**

We have been contacted by a former parent who would like to donate an upright piano to anyone who needs it. Please see details below if you are interested.

Upright Piano, Good condition, perfect for a child to learn on. Free to a good home. Collection from Rotherfield. Please contact Mrs Miller - 07754 937 071.

**Open Gardens**

**ALL**

**Office**

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).

**East Sussex Music Centres**

**All**

**East Sussex Music**

**East Sussex Music** are thrilled to announce that our **Music Centres have re-opened!** Meaning children can once again learn to play and perform music in person as part of a group, led by expert teachers in their local areas.

Learning music provides endless benefits to support young people's lives, and as the leading provider of music in East Sussex, our mission is to provide every child with the opportunity to access this life-changing art form.

Please see attached our **latest poster** with this exciting announcement,

Furthermore, we are so delighted to be offering **music lessons within schools** again, teaching over 20 instruments to groups within their regular learning environments. We have attached our **latest flyer** that outlines the **magic of music** and how parents and carers can get their children access to our talented teachers across the county, whether in school, at our music centres or online.

The guitar tutor, Jordan Creswell has said that he currently has spaces for additional children to learn the guitar. He currently comes to the school every Tuesday and I attach another poster with details of his lessons.

**Golden Wedding  
Congratulations**

**All**

**Mrs Scanlon**

We would like to send our warmest congratulations to our lovely cleaner Mary Taylor and her husband Ken who are celebrating their 50th Wedding anniversary this weekend.

We hope that they have a lovely celebration and we congratulate them on their 50 years of marriage together.

**The Friends of St Mary's**

**ALL**

**Office**

As you may have seen, we are delighted that we have now been able to book some events into the school calendar:

***Do Something Different Day – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June*** – The Children will have a chance to do something different on this day and an approved list will be sent out soon. Further details to follow on our Facebook Page.

***Bags2School – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June*** – Donate any unwanted items (from a list) in any bag and the school will be given money!! Further details to follow on our Facebook Page and a reminder will be sent in the school bulletin the week before.

***Music Festival – Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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'.

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.

Documents attached:

FSM Music Festival Poster

Guitar Lessons

Magic of Music Flyer

ESM Centre Reopening Poster