



St Mary's Catholic Primary School School Bulletin

Friday 9th October 2020

SUBJECT	YEAR GROUPS RELEVANT TO	STAFF CONTACT
End of Day Procedures	All	Liz Hills

Please can I express my sincere thanks to all parents/carers for your support in the successful return of the end of day collection to the school site. It is really lovely to have been able to welcome you all back onto the site and I very much hope that we will be able to welcome you back into the school at some point in the not too distant future.

I am really proud and impressed by the support the school has received from the parent/carer body over the course of the last few months, as we have worked together to manage the operational changes required to keep our community as safe as possible. Without the support of the St Mary's School Community the challenges the school has faced would have been made even more difficult.

We have reviewed the onsite end of day collection and have agreed that it is safe to continue with this arrangement for the time being. However, there are a few small requests that I have to ensure we are managing this transition time successfully. Please can I ask that parents/carers who have given permission for their children to meet them at the top of the drive, ensure that they arrive by 3.15 pm in order to be available to resume responsibility for the children. Also, please can I ask that if you are meeting your child/children at the top of the drive, that you either wait on the Green or outside the main entrance to St Mary's Church, in order to avoid blocking the driveway area. Thank you.

Harvest Festival	All	Miss Heathcote
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As we can't join together in the usual way to celebrate harvest time this year, Orange Class have spent this week preparing and filming a Harvest Liturgy to share with St Mary's children, parents and carers online and on social media. On Thursday filming took place in St Mary's Church. Following the centuries old tradition of sharing the harvest, this year we would like to support Crowborough Foodbank on Croft Road by asking children to bring in donations.

This is the information taken from the Crowborough Foodbank website detailing items that can be donated. Please note they cannot accept fresh food, only tins/packets/jars/boxes, and it MUST be within the 'Use By' date.

URGENTLY NEEDED FOOD AND HYGIENE ITEMS

- INSTANT MASH POTATO
- WASHING PODS/CAPSULES
- WASHING UP LIQUID
- NAPPIES SIZES 4/5/6
- TOOTHPASTE

WE HAVE NO NEED FOR

- **BAKED BEANS**
- **CEREALS**

OUR COMPLETE FOOD SHOPPING LIST

- UHT MILK (1 LITRE)
- INSTANT MASH POTATO
- POTATOES (TINNED)
- FRUIT JUICE (CARTON)

- SPONGE PUDDINGS
- VEGETABLES (TINNED)
- MEAT (TINNED)
- FISH (TINNED)
- TOMATOES (TINNED)
- FRUIT (TINNED)
- RICE PUDDING (TINNED)
- CUSTARD (TINNED)
- RICE (500G)
- PASTA (500G/1KG)
- PASTA SAUCE
- SOUP (CAN/PACKET)
- SPAGHETTI IN SAUCE / BAKED BEANS
- TEA
- COFFEE (SMALL/MEDIUM)
- SWEET BISCUITS
- JAM
- CEAREALS (NOT PORRIDGE)
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Please bring in any of the items listed that you wish to donate into school next week, by Wednesday 14th October, and we will arrange for the donations to be given to the Crowborough food bank.

Many thanks in advance for your generosity.

Earrings and PE	All	Judith Botterman
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A reminder of our school uniform policy in respect of Jewellery:

Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery except one plain gold or silver stud earring in each ear (no diamond styles or shaped designs) and a watch.

Children must be able to remove their own earrings and watches for PE lessons. If they are unable to do this they must be removed at home before coming to school each day.

We do not advise that children have their ears pierced at all but if you must do this, please do so at the beginning of the school summer holiday so that your child will not have to miss PE lessons if they are unable to remove earrings for 6 weeks.

School Clubs / Activities	All	Office
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There are after school clubs being held in the school hall for Gymnastics on Mondays, Karate on Thursdays and Dance on Fridays provided by outside companies. Gymnastics is currently full but you can join a waiting list on their website <https://gymspire-academy.class4kids.co.uk/>

Spaces are limited on all classes but If you are interested in joining Karate or Dance please see the attached details. You must book with the club providers first and ensure you notify the school office if you have successfully booked a place

Please note that there is a flyer attached from Studio N Dance with details of classes held in other locations on different days.

First Class Football are holding some local sessions in the October half term holiday, please see flyer attached for details.

School Photos		
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Please note your diaries, the school photographer will be visiting the school on Monday 2nd November for individual and family photos. This is the first day back after half term.
Siblings within school will be photographed together during the school day.

If you wish to have younger pre-school children that you would like to be photographed together with their sibling(s), please come to the school hall from 8am.

Thank you

Secondary school applications

Year 6

Office

Many of you have attended virtual or actual open events for secondary schools this week, which I hope you enjoyed.

Please ensure that you apply for your school choices online at

https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/admissions/secondary_school/

If you are applying to faith schools please ensure that you note their requirements for the completion of Supplementary Information Forms and providing evidence of religion.

The deadline is 31st October 2020 – do not miss it!

Friends of St Mary's AGM

All

friendsofstmaryscrowborough@gmail.com

A reminder that the Friends of St Mary's are holding the Annual Meeting virtually by Zoom on Thursday 22nd October at 7.30pm. Full details were in last week's bulletin. Please email friendsofstmaryscrowborough@gmail.com if you wish to participate.

Documents attached to this Bulletin

Studio N Dance Letter terms 1&2, Studio N Dance flyer Oct 2020, Karate @St Mary's, First Class Football flyer