



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School School Bulletin

4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

| SUBJECT                           | YEAR GROUPS RELEVANT TO | STAFF CONTACT |
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| Message from Mrs Scanlon - OFSTED | All                     | Mrs Scanlon   |

As you are aware, St Mary's were visited by Ofsted on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. As part of the inspection, children, staff, leaders, governors and parents/carers all shared feedback with the inspector, who also spent time visiting lessons and conducting meetings about the school's curriculum, safeguarding and inclusion provision.

The staff team and governors at St Mary's would like to say thank you for all the messages of support we received during our Ofsted inspection from our families and community. Thank you also to those who were able to complete Ofsted's 'Parentview' survey, which forms an important part of the inspection process; and as always, thank you to our wonderful children for welcoming our inspector into St Mary's so well.

Following our visit, Ofsted will now complete their process of quality assurance, which can take up to 30 working days. Once this is complete, we will then be able to share the outcome of the inspection and Ofsted report with you all.

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| NSPKU 'Pyjama Day' | All | Mrs Scanlon |
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Today we held a whole-school Pyjama Day in support of Violet class' chosen charity for the year - NSPKU. Many thanks to everyone for dressing up in their pyjamas and for your donations. Due to your generosity the school raised £208.

Well done and a big thank you to Josh Todd who also led our school assembly this week and gave an extremely well presented and informative presentation on NSPKU. Everyone was thoroughly absorbed in the information that Josh shared with us and he really raised awareness of NSPKU and how our donations can help support this charity. Thank you, Josh.



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| Start of day arrangements - reminder | All | School |
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Thank you for supporting the new start of day arrangements that began on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

We have included them again in this week's Bulletin for your information. Please see below.

### Main School Gates

Entry to the school premises begins at our school green gates, which are located at the bottom of the driveway past the church.

Please note that **all our children, parents and carers can now walk down the driveway and wait at the main school gates** rather than waiting at the top of the driveway by the church.

The main gates will then automatically open at **8.45am** to allow access to the school premises and the playground gate.

### Pedestrian Gate

The pedestrian gate at the bottom of the drive will open daily at 8.40am but should only be used at this time for our **Red Class parents** to access the site with their children, as well as for our **Year 5 Driveway Welcomers** to arrive and take their positions.

### Driveway

Whilst many of our families may choose to say goodbye to their children at the top of the drive by the church, we recognise that for some children this may not be something they are ready for and therefore ask that if this is the case, parents/carers walk down to the school main gates with your child until you feel that they are confident enough to do this independently and safely.

### Staffing

We take our duties to safeguard our children at all times of the day extremely seriously, and this is a key consideration in our procedures around drop-off and pick-up arrangements. As such, a member of staff will be positioned on the **Pedestrian/Main School Gates** as well as the **Playground Gate** from 8.45 - 8.55am and 3.15 - 3.30pm to ensure that all children are able to arrive and leave the school site safely and with the reassurance of the staff. This ensures that all children are seen safely into the school building once they enter the boundary of the school site; which is at the main gates at the bottom of the driveway.

In addition, Mr Puddick, our caretaker, will continue to support our families in crossing the road at the very top of the driveway by the church.

A number of Year 5 Driveway Welcomers are also positioned along the driveway between our two school gates to encourage any children feeling a bit nervous or worried at the start of the day.

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| <b>Maths</b> | <b>All</b> | <b>Miss Cook</b> |
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We have just subscribed to a wonderful new site – NumBots! This platform is designed to encourage the “triple win” in which children develop understanding, recall and fluency in mental addition and subtraction skills, as they practice counting and move to calculating. It helps them to practise number bonds to 5, 10, 20 and 100, partition numbers and practise doubles and near doubles, doing so in a fun game, visual way. It works as a website: <https://numbots.com/> or a free app:



NumBots

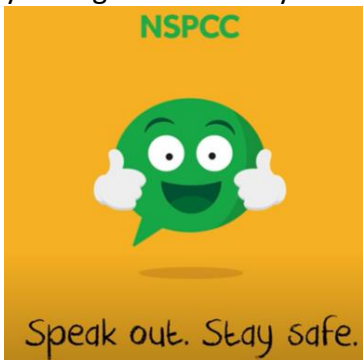
Maths Circle Educational

**E** Everyone

▲ You don't have any devices

➕ Add to wishlist

Year 1 and 2 children came home with log in letters earlier this week, for Years 3 – 6 your log ins for TTRS are the same – different website or app, same log in details. If you need any help logging on, please get in touch [scook@stmarysrc.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:scook@stmarysrc.e-sussex.sch.uk).

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| <b>Number Day</b>   | <b>All</b>         | <b>Mrs Scanlon</b>   |
| <p>A big thank you to Miss Cook who organised so many maths activities for our children to investigate throughout Number Day. The children had a great time taking part and were so excited throughout the day to take part in the activities Miss Cook had set out for them around the school. They had great fun working out the answers and solving all the maths problems.</p>  |                    |  |
| <b>E-Safety Parent Assembly</b>   | <b>All</b>         | <b>Mr Getty</b>  |
| <p>This coming Tuesday (8th February) is Safer Internet Day 2022. As a school, we planned to hold an E-Safety Assembly for parents/carers to attend in order to share the children's learning and provide important updates about online safety issues. Over January, we returned to virtual assemblies within school to limit larger gatherings due to the rise of the Omicron variant of Covid-19, however we had still hoped to invite parents/carers to this very important assembly should rates reduce. Unfortunately, with an increase in cases within our community and Crowborough more widely, we have made the decision to postpone this assembly to a later point in the academic year to enable parents/carers to join us within school.</p> <p>The children have been working very hard on the learning that they will be sharing with you and will continue to mark Safer Internet Day internally at St Mary's with lessons/activities within classes.</p> |                    |  |
| <b>NSPCC Virtual Assembly</b>   | <b>All</b>         | <b>Mr Getty</b>  |
| <p>On Wednesday 9th February, both KS1 and KS2 classes will be accessing the NSPCC's 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' virtual programme as part of our schedule of input for the children in recognising dangers and strategies for reporting any worries or concerns.</p> <p>The children will watch a pre-recorded assembly (including segments with Ant and Dec!) and teachers will lead short preparation and follow-up activities, all of which is prepared by the NSPCC with a commitment to ensuring they are age-appropriate and align closely with the statutory curriculum.</p> <p>Following such sessions, it is very common for children to come home discussing safety, relationships and dangers. We hope that letting you know about this will enable you to feel prepared for any conversations you might have with your child. If you have any questions, please do get in touch with me.</p>  |                    |  |
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| <b>Half term Dance Activity</b>   | <b>All</b>         | <b>Studio N Dance</b>  |
| <p>FEBRUARY HALF-TERM DANCE WORKSHOP 2022 - Studio N Dance are running a fun filled dance workshop at Groombridge Village Hall for 5-11yr olds on Tuesday 15th February 9:30am – 12:30pm. The workshop will be filled with fun, games, crafts and lots of dancing. The cost of our workshop is £25 per child. Please see the attached letter with reply slip for more details.</p>  |                    |  |
| <b>Half Term Multi Sports</b>   | <b>Age 7 to 12</b> | <a href="mailto:bsportscoms@yahoo.com">bsportscoms@yahoo.com</a> |
| <p>Please see attached details regarding Multi Sports activities being held at St Gregory's Catholic School, Tonbridge Wells in February half term.</p>   |                    |  |

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| <b>Half Term Activities at Rose Hill School</b>  | <b>Age 4 to 12</b> | <a href="https://www.ultimateactivity.co.uk/FSF">https://www.ultimateactivity.co.uk/FSF</a> |
| Please see attached details for Activity Camps at Rose Hill School in Tunbridge Wells.   |                    |   |
| <b>Crazy Hair Day</b>  | <b>All</b>         | <b>FSM</b>  |
| The Friends of St Mary's are organising a Crazy Hair Day on <b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b> . Please see attached Flyer for more details. |                    |   |
| <b>Diary Dates</b>   | <b>All</b>         | <b>Office</b>   |

## TERM 3

08.02.22 - Safer Internet Day and E- Safety Assembly - POSTPONED

11.02.22 - Last Day of Term 3.15pm finish for all pupils

## TERM 4

21.02.22 - First Day of Term 4

24.02.20 - Crazy Hair Day – FSM Fundraiser

02.03.22 - Ash Wednesday Liturgy (10am)

14.03.22 - Lent Reconciliation Service (10am)

14.03.22 - Pupil/Parent/Teacher Consultations

16.03.22 - Pupil/Parent/Teacher Consultations

31.02.22 - Stations of the Cross Service (10am)

01.04.22 - Last Day of Term for pupils (1pm finish for pupils)

## TERM 5

19.04.22 - First Day of Term for pupils

19.04.22 - Easter Mass (10am)

19.04.22 - National Offers Day for Reception 2022 places

25.04.22 - 29.4.22 Indigo Class Bikeability Course

02.05.22 - May Bank Holiday - School Closed

16.05.22 - Marian Celebration (2pm)

27.05.22 - Last Day of Term for pupils (3.15pm finish)

## TERM 6

06.06.22 - First Day of Term for Pupils

09.06.22 - New Reception Class 2022 Make and Take Session 10am - 11am

13.06.22 - 17-6-22 Beacon Open week tours - Indigo class

13.06.22 - Red and Indigo Class group photos

23.06.22- New Reception Class 2022 Stay and Play Session 10am - 11am

24.06.22 to 27.06.22 - Indigo and Violet Classes Residential at PGL Windmill Hill

04.07.22 to 06.07.22 Violet Class transition days to Beacon

06.07.22 - Internal transition day

08.07.22 - Sports Day - whole school

13.07.22 & 14.07.22 Indigo/Violet Class Production 7pm

15.07.22 - Reserve Sports Day

19.07.22 - Leavers Mass (9.30am)

19.07.22 - Last Day of Term for Pupils (1pm finish for pupils)

20.07.22 - INSET DAY

21.07.22 - INSET DAY

*Dates subject to possible changes*

| Attached  |  |  |
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| Crazy Hair Day Flyer<br><b>February Half Term Activities –</b><br>Studio and Dance<br>St Gregory's Multi-Sports<br>Rise Hill Activiry Camps |  |  |