



St Mary's Catholic Primary School School Bulletin

Friday 17th September 2021

SUBJECT	YEAR GROUPS RELEVANT TO	STAFF CONTACT
Drop-off communication	Reception	Mrs Williams

Dear Reception Parents,

Please can we remind you that Mrs Williams/Mrs Stonestreet will be available at collection at the **end of the day** for any communication with parents/carers. Any other messages that need to be shared in the morning should be passed on to the School Office who will ensure the Red Class team are informed. We ask that you follow this procedure so that staff are able to focus fully on ensuring the children are arriving safely and settling into their morning activities in Red Class, enabling them to have a happy and structured start to their school day.

We would also like to take this opportunity to say that the entire St Mary's staff have had a fantastic first week getting to know the children, who are settling into life at St Mary's well.

Many thanks,

Mrs Williams and Mrs Stonestreet

MacMillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning	All	Support Staff
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We will be supporting the MacMillan World's Biggest coffee morning to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support Charity on Tuesday 28th September from 8.45am to 11am in the school hall. All very welcome, please bring your family and friends.

We will also be holding a raffle on the day. If any parents would like to donate a prize to the raffle, that would be very welcome. Please contact the office. Donations of cakes are also welcomed either on Monday 27th or on the day. We ask that cakes are nut free, please.

Enjoy tea / coffee and cake while raising funds for a much-deserved charitable cause. We look forward to seeing you all and thank you for your support

Please see attached flyer.

Going to Secondary School	Violet Class	Office
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Violet class should have all brought home a leaflet this week from East Sussex Admissions with information regarding applying to secondary school. The deadline for applications is 31 October 2021. It is very important that you apply in time as you may find that your choices will be limited if you make a late application.

Please see

<https://new.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/schools/admissions/apply-secondary>

where full information can be found and also the link to make your on-line application. If you have any problems applying online or need any further advice regarding admissions, please phone Tracy Shields in the school office Wednesdays to Friday.

Secondary schools are running Open Events over the coming weeks, some details of which have already been communicated. If you are interested in visiting a school, we recommend that you check the school's website for full details about their open events.

A reminder of some events :

St Gregory's Catholic School details can be found here
<https://www.sgschool.org.uk/open-sessions-2021/1234.html>

They are holding open events next week during the mornings of 22nd and 23rd September and an Open Evening on the 23rd from 4.30pm to 7.30pm. Further Open events are being held on 5th & 6th October and 20th and 21st October. It is essential to book for all the events and the links for booking can be accessed on their web page linked above.

Beacon Academy details can be found here.
<http://beacon-academy.org/web/join-us/open-days.php>

Full details were communicated by ParentMail on the 10th September to Violet class. Beacon's website now states that the morning tours being held on 11-15th October are fully booked. If you did not manage to get a tour booked during the week of 11-15th October, there is an Open event on Saturday 9th October from 10-1pm where booking is not required.

It is permitted for you to take your child to visit any secondary school during school time. Please notify the office in advance if your child will be attending with you. We would expect your child to return to school after the tour / visit has finished.

See West Kent Schools Open Event brochure attached.

Payment for School Meals	Years 3-6	Office
<p>School meals currently cost £2.15 per day for children in Years 3 – 6, (unless entitled to Free School Meals). Payment is made through an online secure website called Parentpay. www.parentpay.com</p> <p>If you have recently moved into Year 3 and you would like your child to start having school meals, please contact the office and you will be given the activation codes and instructions on how to set up an account.</p> <p>The ParentPay system allows you to book and pay for school meals in advance of them being taken. You have up until 8.30am on the day of the meal to book or cancel for the same day. If you have booked meals for the whole week in advance and decided one was not required it is very easy to cancel and the funds would be added back to your school meals account.</p> <p>Alternatively, you can add a sum of money to your child's school meals account which can then be used as meals are taken and charged by the school kitchen. We ask please that all parents make sure that they have sufficient credit balance on their school meals account to pay for meals in advance. It is not acceptable to allow debts for your child's meals to accumulate on the school's account. A considerable amount of time is taken up by the kitchen and office staff to inform parents of debts accumulating. Low balance alerts can be set up via ParentPay to send you an email reminder when your account falls below a certain level set by you.</p>		

We understand there are occasions when a meal booking may be forgotten or funds on your account have just run out. Please be assured in any circumstances that your child will always receive a meal in school.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Parent First Aid Awareness	All	Office
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We have been asked by Friends of Fermor School and Newton Lang, the company who provide the wrap around care for the children of Crowborough based at Fermor School, to promote their first aid course which is running on the 2nd October 2pm to 5pm. Please find attached their leaflet which has all the information on it. It is specifically aimed at parents who wish to improve their first aid skills.

Diary Dates	All	Office
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September

- 21st - Indigo Class Meet the Teacher Sessions (3:30 – 4pm)
- 22nd - Violet Class Meet the Teacher Sessions (3:30 – 4pm)
- 27th – Welcome Assembly
- 28th - MacMillan World Biggest Coffee Morning (8.45am to 11am)

October

- 4th – Harvest Liturgy
- 5th – Blue Class Rosary Retreat morning
- 6th & 7th – OpenView Mental Health Workshops
- 11th – 15th Beacon Open Morning tours for Violet Class – Booking essential
- 11th – Mental Health Awareness Day
- 12th – Violet Class Mass (9:15am)
- 18th – Flu Vaccinations (whole school)
- 19th – Green Class Mass (9:15am)
- 20th – Inter-House Football Tournament
- 21st – Last Day of Term for pupils (3:15pm)

22nd – INSET DAY

November

1st – INSET DAY

- 2nd – First Day of Term for pupils
- 2nd - All Souls Day Liturgy
- 4th – Individual/Family School Photographs and Yellow class group photo.
- 8th – 12th – Book Week
- 8th & 10th – Pupil/Parent/Teacher Consultations
- 11th – Remembrance Assembly (10.45am)
- 18th – New Parent (Sep'22) Open Morning (9:30am)
- 19th – New Parent (Sep'22) Open Afternoon (2pm)
- 23rd – Indigo Class Mass (9:15am)
- 29th – Advent Reconciliation Service (9am)

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Newton Lang First Aid Course MacMillan Coffee Morning Flyer West Kent School Open Event Brochure
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