



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School School Bulletin

11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

| SUBJECT       | YEAR GROUPS RELEVANT TO | STAFF CONTACT |
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| End of Term 3 | All                     | Mrs Scanlon   |

As Term 3 draws to a close there is so much to reflect on and celebrate.

The children have worked hard throughout the term to develop their skills, knowledge and understanding across the curriculum and it has been wonderful to see such exciting and interesting activities and learning happening across the school, throughout the last six weeks.

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 week.

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

| Farewell to Mrs Dean | All | Mrs Scanlon |
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It is with great sadness that we say farewell to Mrs Dean, who is leaving St Mary's today. Mrs Dean has worked at St Mary's for more than twenty years and in that time has had many and varied roles and responsibilities throughout her time at St Mary's, which have included: Teaching Assistant, Computing Lead, Bursar, Midday Supervisor Assistant, as well as her current role of Finance Assistant.

Mrs Dean will be very much missed at St Mary's and we are all very grateful for all her hard work and enthusiasm for everything she has done for our school and community. I am sure that you will join me in wishing Mrs Dean well in her new adventures and endeavours, as well as thanking Mrs Dean for her hard work and support for our children and her dedicated service to our school and community.

| Meet the Teacher Y2/Y6 | Y2/Y6 | Ms Stonestreet & Mrs Mottershead |
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As Yellow and Violet Class both have new full-time class teachers for the remainder of this academic year, we would like to invite parents to attend 'Meet the Teacher' sessions.

**Year 2 Meet the Teacher – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 3.30pm in Yellow Class** (please wait on the playground and Ms Stonestreet will invite you up to the classroom once collection time is over for other classes).

**Year 6 Meet the Teacher – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 4.00pm in the Hall** (this meeting will take place immediately after the Residential PGL Meeting to avoid parents having to attend multiple meetings – please see item below).

| Residential PGL Meeting | Y5/6 | Mr Getty |
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As we are moving towards our exciting residential trip to PGL Windmill Hill in June, we would like to invite the parents/carers of any children joining this trip to come to a meeting on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 3.30pm in the Hall.**

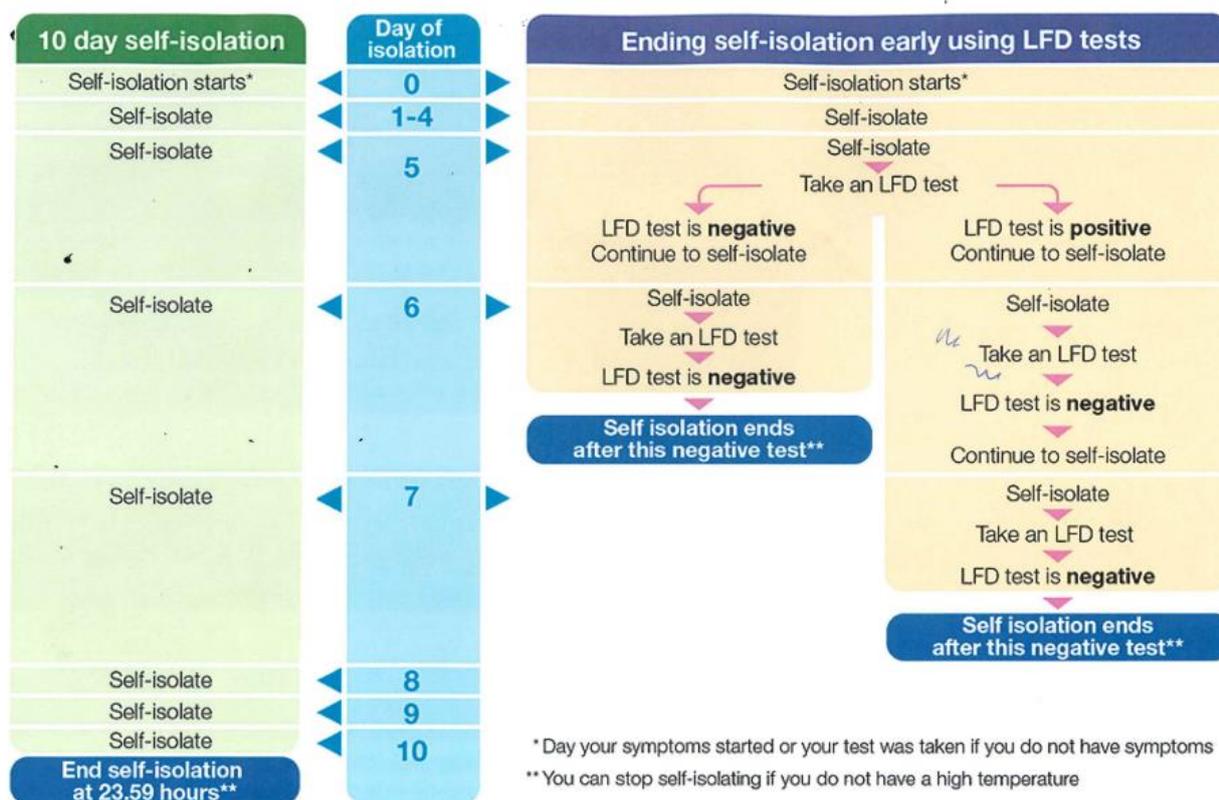
This will be an opportunity to find out a little more about the arrangements for the trip and any activities that will take place, as well as to ask any questions you may have.

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| <b>Isolation Flow Chart</b> | <b>All</b> | <b>Office</b> |
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Please see below a helpful Flow-Chart to help you calculate your child's Isolation period.

The first day of symptoms or the day you received a positive test result is Day 0. The next day is Day 1. You must test negative on Days 5 and 6 at the earliest, or two consecutive days (testing 24 hours apart) before returning to school. If negative on Day 5 and 6, you can return to school on Day 6 after the second negative result and providing you do not have a temperature.

Alternatively, you may return after Day 10, whichever comes first. Day 10 is also an Isolation Day, not the day of return.



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| <b>Volunteer Induction Course</b> | <b>All</b> | <b>Office</b> |
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Please see attached Flyer regarding a 6-week Volunteers Induction Course. **Held at Uckfield Children's Centre, Thursday 21st April 2022 to 26th May, 10am to 12pm.** They can offer a FREE creche, travel expenses AND a good quality biscuit to go with a cup of tea!

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| <b>Crazy Hair Day</b> | <b>All</b> | <b>FSM</b> |
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The Friends of St Mary's are organising a Crazy Hair Day on Friday 24th February. Please see attached Flyer for more details.

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| <b>Child's Health and Well being</b> | <b>All</b> | <b>East Sussex</b> |
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East Sussex education, health and care services have worked with East Sussex Parent Carer Forum to create a document which brings the contact information for a range of support services together in one place, for common areas of concern you may have about your child's health and wellbeing as they grow up. You can find this document by following this link: [Click here to download 'Pre Autism Pathway \(January 2022\)' as a word document](#). This document is [here](#) on the Local Offer.

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| <b>Half Term Maths Challenge</b> | <b>All</b> | <b>Miss Cook<br/>(green class –<br/>scook@stmarysrc.e-<br/>sussex.sch.uk)</b> |
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Many thanks to everyone who took part in this term's mathematical problem-solving challenges. It was wonderful to see so much maths going on at home and such a range of strategies being used to find different solutions.

Over half term, your challenge is to find numbers in the real world. Think about which numbers you will choose to find and how you will display them. You could photograph them, draw them, or just write them down. Will you focus on a pattern? Maybe you will count in twos, or double numbers each time? Perhaps you will find some fraction, percentages or decimals, or even some negative numbers?

For some inspiration, take a look at my counting in tens pattern which I have started...



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| <b>Holiday Food and Fun</b> | <b>All</b> | <b>Office</b> |
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Jewel Performing Arts are running half-term workshops for children aged 5-16 who are in receipt of benefit-related free school meals. Please see attached flyer.

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| <b>Class Cake Sales</b> | <b>All</b> | <b>FSM</b> |
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We are happy to announce that we are reintroducing the class cake sales. You may recall that we postponed all the planned cake sales in October last year while we took further advice following the introduction of Natasha's Law which requires clear labelling of food ingredients and allergens on labels for pre-packaged foods.

Fundraising events such as cake sales are not required to be registered as a food business and therefore, we are not legally required to provide information for consumers about allergens present in the food. However, we will have a list of the 14 possible allergens displayed. We ask please that any cakes donated to cake sales do not contain nuts. If your child does have food allergies or intolerances, please can you ensure that they are supervised in making safe choices at the cake sales.

Each class is responsible for providing cakes to sell after school for their class's cake sale. They are usually held outside on the school drive. We also ask parents from the class to help to run the sale including setting up from about 2.50pm, pricing and selling the goods to parents and children after school, and clearing away afterwards. The Friends of St Mary's will provide a float for change and will collect the money from the school office after the sale. Tables can be used from the school hall. The money raised by the class goes directly back to the class to decide on how they wish to spend the money, sometimes this has been used to buy new items for the class or to subsidise a class trip. We hope that the sales will be well supported by all.

Years 5 & 6 have already held their cake sales in term 1. The dates for the remaining sales are as follows and will be held on **Wednesdays** as there are no after school clubs running on this day.

**9<sup>th</sup> March - Year 4 - Blue Class**

**23<sup>rd</sup> March - Year 3 - Green Class**

**27<sup>th</sup> April - Year 2 - Yellow Class**

**11<sup>th</sup> May - Year 1 - Orange Class**

**25<sup>th</sup> May - Reception Class - Red Class**

| <b>Seed Swap Event</b> | <b>All</b> | <b>Office</b> |
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Please see the attached flyer regarding a local Seed Swap event being held on Saturday 19th February 10.00 – 12.00 noon St Richards Church Hall, Fermor Road, TN6 3AP

| <b>School Badges</b> | <b>All</b> | <b>Office</b> |
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We have had a new delivery of the iron-on school badges for and the price has been retained at £1.70 each. These can be used to fix onto royal blue v-neck jumpers, cardigans or the light blue polo tops and PE t-shirts that can be sourced from alternative retailers other than our online school outfitters, Brigade, and can often be a more cost-effective option.

Please call in to the school office if you need to buy any school badges.

| <b>Diary Dates</b> | <b>All</b> | <b>Office</b> |
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## TERM 4

21.02.22 - First Day of Term 4

25.02.22 - Crazy Hair Day – FSM Fundraiser

02.03.22 - Ash Wednesday Liturgy (10am)

09.03.22 - Year 4 Cake Sale

14.03.22 - Lent Reconciliation Service (10am)

14.03.22 - Pupil/Parent/Teacher Consultations

16.03.22 - Pupil/Parent/Teacher Consultations

23.03.33 - Year 3 Cake Sale

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

27.04.22 - Year 2 Cake Sale

02.05.22 - May Bank Holiday - School Closed

11.05.22 - Year 1 Cake Sale

16.05.22 - Marian Celebration (2pm)

25.05.22 - Reception Class Cake Sale

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)  
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21.07.22 - INSET DAY

*Dates subject to possible changes*

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| <b>Attached</b> |  |  |
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| Seed Swap event<br>Crazy Hair Day reminder<br>Volunteers Induction Course<br>Jewel Holiday Club |
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