



St Mary's Catholic Primary School School Bulletin

17th December 2021

SUBJECT	YEAR GROUPS RELEVANT TO	STAFF CONTACT
Message from Mrs Scanlon	All	Mrs Scanlon
<p>Today is the last day of Term 2 and again....what a busy term it has been!</p> <p>Thank you for sharing in our outdoor EYFS/KS1 Nativity and KS2 Carol Concerts this week and for being so supportive of us at a time which once again has been quite unpredictable and uncertain.</p> <p>We have also worked hard at recording the Nativity and Carol Service in school in their entirety and I am pleased that today we have been able to share our EYFS/KS1 recorded performance in full with you.</p> <p>Sadly, however, we have had many technical difficulties uploading our KS2 Carol Service recording today. We are currently trying our best to resolve this and we will of course share this recording with you as soon as it is available. Please accept my apologies for the delay, but thank you for your patience and understanding.</p> <p>Thank you also for supporting the Friends of St Mary's Christmas Fair, which was also held outside in the school playground this week. It was wonderful to see the community being able to come together and share in some Christmas festivity. Thanks to all those who helped to make it such a lovely occasion.</p> <p>I do hope you have a happy and restful break over the Christmas holiday season and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.</p> <p>Best wishes Mrs Scanlon</p>		
FSM Christmas Fair	All	FSM
<p>A huge thank you to all that organised, helped, contributed, and supported the FSM Christmas Fair on Wednesday. The raffle alone raised a huge £226 and congratulations to the lucky winners of the fantastic prizes.</p> <p>The other stalls / refreshments and attractions at the fair raised a further £628 which is a huge amount to raise in such challenging times. Thank you all, it is great to see funds raised for our school which is for the benefit of our children.</p>		
Changes to the Main School Gates on the driveway – Term 3	All	Mrs Scanlon
<p>On our return to school in Term 3 please note there will be a change to our school gates in the driveway.</p> <p>An intercom is being fitted to the gates over the Christmas break to allow separate access to our school, the Nursey and our Swimming Pool.</p>		

Therefore, this will mean that from Term 3, the **vehicular and pedestrian gates will be closed at all times to the school driveway**, apart from when the children arrive at the start and go home at the end of the day.

If you wish to gain access to the school, nurse or the swimming pool you will now need to select the correct intercom which will be clearly labelled and a member of staff will answer and be available to help you.

The usual arrangements with regards to our start of the day and end of the day will still be in place but as always please note that our gates will automatically open/close at 8.40am – 9am and again at 3.15 – 3.30pm. Please be aware that the flashing yellow light on the side of the vehicular gates indicate that the gates are opening or closing and that caution should be taken.

St Mary's staff will as usual be at the gates at these times to aid our start and end of day arrangements.

Reminder – School registration is at 8.55am. If your child arrives after this time you will need to accompany your child all the way down the drive using the intercom to access the school office to sign your child in as late.

School Clubs - from Term 3

Due to the gate changes please note that all clubs after school will now be **dismissed at the pedestrian gate**. Please do not ring the intercom as the club leader will open the pedestrian gate at the end of the club /activity. They will then handover your child/children to you **at this gate and not at the fire exit from the hall or the school office**.

Farewell to Mrs White	All	Mrs Scanlon
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Sadly, Mrs White is leaving St Mary's today. Mrs White is embarking on a new role with East Sussex County Council and we wish her every success in her new job.

Mrs White will be greatly missed at St Mary's and I am sure you will join me in thanking Mrs White for all her hard work and support for our children, as well as her dedicated service to our school and community throughout the last four years as a class teacher, subject leader and also as a school governor.

We will all miss you Mrs White. Best wishes in your new role.

Maths - containers needed	All	Miss Cook (Year 3 Green Class)
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I have placed an order for lots of new maths manipulatives to help support and develop the children's maths lessons. To help with storage I am asking for families to collect plastic boxes and tins so that we can keep our new resources orderly – takeaway containers, empty (or full) plastic tubs of chocolate celebrations, old Tupperware will all be gratefully received in the new year – preferably with lids. Please clean your containers before donating them.

Many thanks.

School Subscriptions	All	Miss Cook (Year 3 Green Class)
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We have several subscriptions to help support learning at home, these provide crucial opportunities to practise key concepts and consolidate ideas taught in class. Over the holiday please encourage your child/ren to log on so that they can continue making good progress. KS2 families, if you need help logging on then please email me about MyMaths and Times Table Rock Stars.

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After School Clubs	All	Office
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You may have been contacted by the school (ParentMail) or directly by the after-school clubs for booking classes for January 2022. Please do check your emails to avoid disappointment.

The school do not control bookings for clubs, you must contact them directly to book in for January. Places are not guaranteed, so please book early as spaces are limited.

Some clubs will resume as soon as we get back on Tuesday 4th January, so please make sure your child has the appropriate kit in school on the right day.

Day	Club	Resume Date
Monday	Gymspire Academy	Monday 10 th January
Monday	Pure Sports Coaching - Football Year 3 & Year 4	Monday 10 th January
Tuesday	Pure Sports Coaching - Football Year 5 & Year 6	Tuesday 4 th January
Wednesday	No clubs	N/A
Thursday	Karate	TBC
Friday	Studio N Dance	Friday 7 th January

Please make sure you have booked with the appropriate club BEFORE the start of Term on 4th January 2022.

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Uniform	All	Mrs Scanlon
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Please note that from Term 3 our expectation as always is that our full uniform policy including school shoes is followed. We do understand that there may be exceptional circumstances where a child may need to wear their trainers for that day and, in these situations, please just email the office who can notify the class teacher.

Please see attached our school uniform policy.

School Meals Payments	All	Office
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There is an increasing number of parents and carers not paying for their children's school meals in advance. Debit balances are growing and despite reminders being sent, the requests to review and clear outstanding balances are not being actioned. We appreciate that some people may be experiencing financial difficulties and if so, we have always invited those people to contact to the headteacher in confidence. Head@stmarysrc.e-sussex.sch.uk

If you need further help on how to pay for the school meals on a day-by-day basis, or to activate an automatic top up facility, please see the help sheets on these links.

Booking and paying for meals

[https://www.parentpay.com/DOCH/school-support/index.html@page_id=9265.html](https://www.parentpay.com/DOCH/school-support/index.html?page_id=9265.html)

Please note that you cannot select menu choices for our school, you can just book the meal for the correct day and choices will be made in class with the morning register. You can only book or cancel meals up to 8.30am on the day.

Bank transfer and auto top-up

<https://www.parentpay.com/bank-transfer-and-auto-top-up/>

Thank you

Diary Dates	All	Office
<p>January 2022 4rd - First day of term 3 6th - Epiphany Mass 9.15am 24th - 28th Science Week</p> <p>February 2022 1st - Candlemas Celebration 8th - Safer Internet Day and E- Safety Assembly 11th - Last day of term for pupils (3.15pm finish) 21st - First day of term 4</p>		
Charity Collections	All	Miss Cook (Green Class)

My local hospital is collecting plastic milk bottle tops – they melt them down to make toys. If anyone drinks milk with plastic lids and would like to donate them then please collect and bring them to my classroom after the holidays. They are also collecting used postage stamps – just cut them off the envelopes with a small border of paper and I'll happy send them to a good cause.

Many thanks.

Attached – Uniform policy