



St Mary's Catholic Primary School School Bulletin

25th March 2022

SUBJECT	YEAR GROUPS RELEVANT TO	STAFF CONTACT
Letter to Parents from Director of Children's Services & Director of Public Health	All	ESCC

Please see the attached letter

Cake Sale	All	Office
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Green Class Y3 cake sale was held this week. They raised an amazing **£358.71**. Miss Cook and the children will be having a discussion on how they want to spend the money raised.

Thank you to all the parents and carers that provided cakes and helped at the event and to all the school community who bought cakes to support the class.

**Next cake sale will be Yellow Class Year 2's cake sale and will be held on
Wednesday 23rd April after school.**

Swimming Lessons	All	Office
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Swimming lessons will start weekly after the Easter holiday in the first week commencing on 20th and 21st April. Please see below timetable for when swimming will be for your child/ren's year group.

Children must bring in a towel, a one-piece swim suit or swimming trunks (not baggy shorts) and a swimming hat in a named waterproof / plastic bag. Your child may also bring goggles if required but these are optional. Please ensure that all your children's items are named. Please note that if your child does not have the required kit, they will not be allowed to swim so please ensure that your child remembers to bring in their kit on the correct day.

If you are available to help in the changing room and/or supervising the groups walking to and from the pool for Reception, Year 1 or 2's swimming sessions, please let the office know. You will need to have completed a DBS check with the school before you can help. please contact the office if you need to complete a DBS check. We only need maximum of 2 parent helpers during these sessions. We do not require volunteer helpers for years 3,4,5 & 6 at present.

The costs for the swimming lessons for term 5 are £13.00 per child. Payment is to be made via Parentmail. The cost for term 6 is also £13.00 and the payment items for both terms are now available to pay on Parentmail. Although the payment for swimming lessons are voluntary contributions, in order to continue to offer swimming lessons at St Mary's, it is very important that we receive funds towards the additional costs of the pool maintenance and the teaching staff. Many thanks.

Swimming timetable terms 5 and 6

	Wednesday	Thursday
9.15-10.30	Reception	Year 1
10.45-12.00	Year 5	Year 6
1.05-2.05	Year 2	Year 3
2.10-3.10	-	Year 4

End of Term Arrangements	All	Office
<p>Next Friday 1st April is the last day of term before the Easter holidays.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">School finishes for all pupils at 1pm.</p> <p>Please ensure that your child is collected at this earlier time. If you have previously given permission for your child to walk up the school drive or to walk home these permissions will apply on Friday for the 1pm dismissal time.</p> <p>Term 5 will start back to school on Tuesday 19th April.</p>		
Online Safety Tip	All	Mr Getty
<p>With so much going on in the world at the minute, staff in school are becoming increasingly aware of a growing number of children expressing worry and concern at the information they are accessing online. To ensure we have a united approach to dealing with these worries and to help support our children both in school and at home, I have attached a poster to support parents/carers with how to help the children to deal with upsetting content.</p>		
Open for Parents	All	Mr Getty
<p>Please see the attached guide to the upcoming events run by 'Open for Parents' in East Sussex.</p> <p><i>"Here at 'Open for Parents', we can offer help and support directly to parents/carers, free of charge, as part of East Sussex's Early Help 0-19 Services provision. We provide a variety of online parenting courses, each with specific tips to help parents/carers deal with the most common behaviour problems. This service is all run online, so parents/carers can join in from the comfort of their own home. All they need is a laptop, tablet or phone and internet access."</i></p>		
Gymnastics After School Club	All	Gymspire Academy
<p>Please see attached Flyer for Gymspire Gymnastics Club.</p> <p>Please be aware that places are not guaranteed if your child has been to the club before. Bookings are subject to a maximum capacity, so book early to avoid disappointment. The school are not responsible for after school club bookings, so please contact clubs directly to book your space.</p>		
Brigade Uniform Ordering	All	Brigade
<p>Please find attached the flyer for parents detailing Brigade's summer school uniform ordering deadlines for 2022.</p> <p>Parents delivery to home: Last order 22nd July for delivery before the start of new term.</p>		
World Maths Day – Mathletics log in	Year 1 - 6	Miss Cook
<p>This week, your child has been given a password for Mathletics – this is the official platform supporting World Maths Day which was on Wednesday this week.</p> <p>Like our other subscriptions, this site enables your child to practise vital key mathematical skills strengthening their rapid recall through fun games, activities and challenges which are relevant and attention grabbing.</p>		

There are 10 different levels ranging from doubles to 10 and number bonds to fractions of number, algebraic equations and expanding brackets – it's a great site for our youngest learners all the way to Year 6 and beyond! The log ins are valid until the end of the Easter holidays and would provide an excellent source of SATs revision.

You can access mathletics at home via www.mathletics.com or through the free student app:



Maths practice	Year 2 and 6	Miss Cook
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Our Year 6 and Year 2 students are busy preparing for their end of key stage assessments.

If your child is finding an area difficult to understand then

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39> (Year 6),

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zjxhfg8> (Year 2) and

<https://www.mathsisfun.com/> are some of my favourite sites to help explain concepts in child speak and provide examples and practice questions.

<https://www.maths4everyone.com/pages/ks2-sats-practice.php> is an excellent site which allows you to search for previous test questions based upon a topic. For example, if your child is finding ratio particularly challenging then you can search for ratio and previous SATs questions will appear for them to practise. Answer schemes are also available. Questions and answers are free to download. This site is for KS2 questions.

If your child is stuck or confused, please encourage them to ask for help.

Diary Dates	All	Office
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TERM 4

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 - 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

09.05.22 to 12.05.22 Year 6 SATs week

11.05.22 - Year 1 Cake Sale

24.05.22 - Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena London (Indigo and Violet class participants)

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
16.06.22 - Bags to School Collection - Friends of St Mary's
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
29.06.22 - St Gregory's Science Department visit to Indigo Class for Science Workshop
02.07.22 - Summer Fair - Friends of St Mary's
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

Attachments

Gymnastics Flyer
Letter from Director of Children Services
Brigade Uniform
Open for Parents leaflet
Online safety