



St Mary's Catholic Primary School School Bulletin

2021

SUBJECT	YEAR GROUPS RELEVANT TO	STAFF CONTACT
Saying hello to you all.....	All	Mrs Scanlon

I am pleased to say that I have been able to meet more of our children who are learning at home this week.

Thank you for your lovely smiles and greetings as I introduced myself to you all. It was so lovely to hear what you have been learning about and the interesting things you have been doing.

If you haven't seen me yet, do keep looking out for me, as I hope to be at more of the Teacher Times next week.

Thank You	All	All Staff
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Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for the amazing donations we received this week. All the staff have been completely overwhelmed with your kindness and generosity. We have received cakes made by our families, been sent delicious brownies, had beautiful face masks made, received lots of verbal and written praise (which always means so much to our staff), had a large donation of well-being gifts from across the community, we have received monetary donations from far and wide to help us to support those in our community who are in need, donations of read and loved books, chocolates, good wishes and thanks! WOW!!! What a truly supportive and special community we are blessed to serve.



Fruit & Veg	EYFS & KS1	Office
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Due to the recent lockdown, our deliveries of Fruit and Vegetables for EYFS and KS1 children were suspended until further notice. We have just been informed that the deliveries will resume from Wednesday this week for Children in school provision.

Menu Changes	In School Provision	Office
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Menu choices week beginning 25th January 2021

Day	Main Option	Special Diets – Allergy menu Only
Monday	Veggie Sausage and Mash	Turkey Burger and Mash
Tuesday	Macaroni Cheese	Tomato pasta
Wednesday	Roast Gammon	Roast Gammon
Thursday	Incredible Burger with potato wedges	Incredible Burger with potato wedges
Friday	Fishfingers and Chips	GF Fishfingers and Chips

Jacket Potato options also available each day.

Vacancy	All	School Office
	Part-time School Cleaner required, 8 hours per week (after-school). For further information please contact our Business Manager Gary Chown gchown@stmarysrc.e-sussex.sch.uk for further details.	
FSM Bake-Off	All	Friends of St Mary's
<div style="text-align: center;"> <p>FRIENDS OF ST MARY'S</p> <h1>RAINBOW THEME BAKE-OFF</h1> <p>We invite you and your family to bake something together, for our St Mary's Rainbow Theme Bake-Off.</p> <p>Everyone who takes part will be awarded a certificate from Mrs Scanlon and a special St Mary's Pencil.</p> <p>You can bake anything you like - Biscuits, Cakes, Brownies etc. but they must have a Rainbow theme.</p> <p>All entries need to be photographed (just the baked goods, not the children) and posted on our Friends of St Mary's Facebook page (@FriendsofStMarysCrow)</p> <p>Closing date is Monday 1st February.</p> <p>Have fun!</p> </div>		
Crowborough testing centre For information	All	
<p>A new walk-through coronavirus testing facility has opened in Crowborough as part of the Government's UK drive to improve the accessibility of testing. This new site is in the Croft Road car park behind Waitrose. It is the latest walk-through testing site in East Sussex. Other locations include Hastings and Eastbourne. There are also drive-through test sites in Plumpton and Bexhill.</p> <p>Testing is available for those either with coronavirus symptoms – a high temperature, a new, continuous cough, or a loss or change to sense or taste – or those who have been asked to get tested by a doctor, public health professional or by their local council. Anyone with one or more of these symptoms should book a test at nhs.uk/coronavirus or by calling 119.</p> <p>Tests are readily available and are by appointment only. Anyone booking a test will be given advice on how to get to and from the site safely and will be required to follow public health measures, including social distancing, not travelling by taxi or public transport, practicing good personal hygiene and wearing a face covering throughout, including travelling to and from the site.</p>		
PCR Testing Sites in East Sussex	All	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PCR Testing Sites in East Sussex</u></p> <p>Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) tests are a throat and/or nose swab to directly detect the presence of an antigen. There are various options to access symptomatic PCR tests in East Sussex. Testing capacity is high and reports indicate that results are available in 24-48 hours, for most tests.</p> <p>Regional drive-through sites:</p>		

- Gatwick Airport
- Plumpton Racecourse
- Bexhill (Wainwright Road)

Local, walk-in sites:

- Bexhill (Wainwright Road)
- Eastbourne, Devonshire Park car park
- Hastings, Old Helenswood Academy (until 31st January)
- Crowborough, Croft Road car park

In addition to the static testing sites there are also Mobile Testing Units (MTUs) in use across the county. These are customised vans which are available to stop in a location for 1-3 days to test local residents. These are accessed by car or on foot and require a booked appointment. Sodexo have been commissioned by DHSC to lead operational delivery of MTUs. There are additional MTUs which can be deployed if outbreaks occur.

Local and regional test sites are open 7 days a week between 08.00 – 20.00 hrs.

Mobile units are usually available 09.00 – 17.00 hrs.

All tests need to be booked in advance, on line, via this link [Get a free NHS test to check if you have coronavirus - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/get-a-free-nhs-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus).

Reading	All	Miss McMillan
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As of Monday, we will not be sending reading books home with children and children will not be allowed to bring in their own reading books from home, in line with our Risk Assessment.

The children who are in school will have access to reading books while they are on the school site and these books will then be quarantined in the classrooms.

Reading is such an important part of education and learning so we wanted to highlight some of the different places and ways you can access books.

Every child in the school has a log in for Bug Club, which is a fantastic online resource that is set (by the teacher) to your child’s reading level. Bug Club generates questions for the children to ensure they are understanding what they have read.

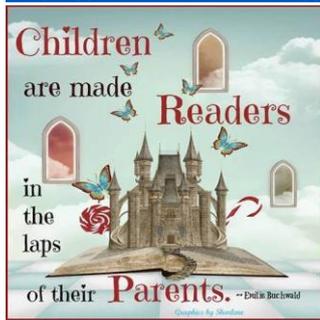
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Some classes have also been given access to Epic Books another fantastic online resource where the teacher can set texts for the children to read. You will only be able to access Epic during the school day and not in the evenings or weekends.

<https://www.getepic.com/sign-in>

Crowborough library have a fantastic range of books and are offering a brilliant order online system so that you can access books without having to actually go into the library. You can look at the Library catalogue and order your books for collection here-

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/libraries/local/locations/crowborough/>



I have also included the link to our school webpage because during the last lock down staff recorded themselves reading books for the children to access.

<https://www.stmarysrc.e-sussex.sch.uk/reading-room>

