



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School School Bulletin

1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

SUBJECT	YEAR GROUPS RELEVANT TO	STAFF CONTACT
Message from Mrs Scanlon	All	Mrs Scanlon

As Term 4 has drawn to a close, we have been blessed by lovely sunny spring weather this week, as well as some snow!

Lent has been a very special time for us throughout the term, as we have all been reflecting on what we can do for others. This week we prepared for Easter by focussing on 'The Way of the Cross' and the RE council led a special assembly on Wednesday which explained each station of the cross. The children were also able to reflect on 'The Way of the Cross' with their teachers in class.

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

Have a lovely holiday break and a Happy Easter to you all.

Mrs Scanlon

Visiting authors	All	
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We have been fortunate to have had three authors come to visit us here at St Mary's during this term. The children really enjoyed hearing about their books and what it is like to be an author,

The authors were very inspiring and following their visit from Penny Chrimes, three of our children from KS2 wrote the following:

*'Penny Chrimes visited St Mary's school, Crowborough. She shared her book (Tiger Heart) with KS2.*

*Tiger Heart is about a girl who meets a tiger. The girl (Fly) was a chimney sweep in the Victorian Times. This book was inspired by a true story. The book was interesting, as it used make believe (a talking tiger) mixed in with historical facts.*

*Listening to Penny has given us the idea that we can all become writers in the future too. '*

Written by Atwin, Charlie and Amelia

Changes to measures and guidance for managing COVID-19 in education and childcare settings from Friday 1 April	All	DfE
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On Tuesday 29 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the [next steps for living with COVID-19](#) in England from Friday 1 April.

Free COVID-19 tests will continue to be available for specific groups, including eligible patients and NHS staff, once the universal testing offer ends on Friday 1 April.

Updated guidance will advise:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- **children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend**
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days

<b>Consultation – Holiday Dates 2023/2024</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>ESCC</b>
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The Local Authority is responsible for setting school term and holiday dates for local authority maintained schools. Foundation, trust and voluntary aided schools and academies are responsible for setting their own term dates.

East Sussex County Council is consulting on a draft proposal for school term and holiday dates for the academic year 2023/2024. We would like to hear the views of schools, parents/carers, and other key stakeholders on the proposed dates before they are finalised and published. The consultation opened on 18 March 2022 and will run until 28 April 2022. All comments must be received by this date.

The consultation can be viewed on the Council's [Consultation Hub](https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/childrens-services/copy-of-es-school-term-and-holiday-dates-2023-2024) or at the link <https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/childrens-services/copy-of-es-school-term-and-holiday-dates-2023-2024>

<b>Y5 &amp; Y6 Residential Trip</b>	<b>Year 5 &amp; Year 6</b>	<b>Office</b>
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Please be reminded that the FINAL Payment for the Residential trip to Windmill Hill is due today – **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April**. Please log in to your ParentMail Payments and make the final payment.

We also need to have all of the First Aid forms returned to the school office, so please return these as soon as we return after the Easter Holidays.

Many thanks

<b>Swimming Lessons</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Office</b>
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Swimming lessons will start weekly after the Easter holiday in the first week commencing on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> 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**

	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
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

<b>School Meals Price Increase</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>ESCC &amp; Chartwells</b>
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**Update from the Schools Catering Team at East Sussex County Council**

With inflation rising at the rate we have seen, and predictions of future rises of between 8-10% Chartwells are facing continued loss in the future deeming the current contract unviable. Chartwells have been working with East Sussex County Council on an open book basis and have negotiated a meal price increase which will take affect from **18th April 2022**. The new meal price will be as follows:

- **£2.20** **Primary**

We have certainly not taken this decision lightly. We are proud to be able to continue to offer one of the lowest meal prices in the South East.

<b>New School Meals Menu</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Offie</b>
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Please find attached the Chartwells new school menu starting after the Easter break.

Please note that baguettes are now back on the menu for the summer terms with a choice of fillings, ham or cheese or tuna. The tomato and basil pasta option is no longer available.

Please note that children in reception class are encouraged to order from the hot meal choices so that they can try different food options. However, if they specifically request a baguette, they will be allowed to choose this option.

<b>Maths Problem Solving</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Miss Cook</b>
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**It wouldn't be a holiday without an egg-cellent egg-citing maths challenge from Miss Cook!!!**

There are three baskets, a brown one, a red one and a pink one, holding a total of ten eggs. The brown basket has one more egg in it than the red basket. The red basket has three fewer eggs than the pink basket. How many eggs are in each basket?

How will you solve this problem? Will you use real eggs to help you? Can you find some baskets to help you sort them? Can you draw a picture or a diagram to show how you worked it out? How many solutions can you find?

**New Little Makers Art Club**

**Years 3 - 6**

**Office**

Please see attached flyer regarding a new club that is being offered next term, Little Makers Art Club. It will be held on Tuesdays starting week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> April from 3.15pm to 4.15pm in the Gold Room.

Numbers are limited to and although it is initially being offered for children in years 3 to 6, if there are persons particularly interested from KS1 please contact Sarah Pollard at [thelittlebirdsmakery@outlook.com](mailto:thelittlebirdsmakery@outlook.com) for more information.

All booking can be made with Sarah Pollard by email and she will be taking these bookings during the Easter break, so please do not delay if you want to book your child a place.

[thelittlebirdsmakery@outlook.com](mailto:thelittlebirdsmakery@outlook.com)

**Dance Club**

**All**

**Office**

Please see attached letter from Studio N Dance regarding terms 5 & 6 dance club booking information.

**FSM Thank you**

**All**

**FSM**

Thank you to all who took part in the Mother's Day sale and Easter Egg Trail on Friday last week, we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

We raised **£270**

The winner of the 'Guess how many sweets in the jar' was:

**Louise Peers** – Congratulations!

Next event is the Year 2 Cake sale on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022

**Plastic Storage Boxes**

**All**

**FSM**

The FSM have asked for donations of any Medium/Large plastic storage boxes as they plan to tidy and organise their storage container. If you do have some to donate, please bring them to school. Many thanks.

**Lost property**

**All**

**Office**

We have found with the nicer weather last week that there has been a huge amount of lost property each day left in the playground – coats, jumpers, cardigans, water bottles and lunch boxes.

Whilst we try to return any lost property that has a name in, we are finding that our lost property hamper is over-flowing with un-named items.

Please can we remind parents to label EVERYTHING with your child's name to make this process easier, but also if you could please ask children to look after their belongings throughout the school day, this may ease the load too.

The lost property hamper will be cleared at the end of each term moving forward.

Many thanks

**Brigade Uniform Ordering**

**All**

**Brigade**

Please remember Brigade's summer school uniform ordering deadlines for 2022.

Parents delivery to home: Last order 22nd July for delivery before the start of new term.

We do have a good selection of second-hand uniform if you wish to try that first – please message Sabrina Allcorn through the Second-Hand Uniform Facebook page - [@stmarys2ndhanduniform](#).

Please note that Sabrina can only respond to messages and check uniform stock when school is open during in term time.

<b>Mathletics</b>	<b>Year 1 – 6</b>	<b>Miss Cook</b>
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Mathletics is proving to be a popular subscription with the opportunities to practise a wide range of maths skills. Last week I handed out 27 certificates, and this week a whopping 39. Well done if you were the recipient! Keep practising your maths over the holidays and maybe you will get a certificate in our celebration assembly – if you need a log in please get in touch with me.

[scCook@stmarysrc.e-sussex.sch.uk](mailto:scCook@stmarysrc.e-sussex.sch.uk)

<b>Diary Dates</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Office</b>
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## Important

The following INSET DAYS have been decided for the next academic school year 2022/23. School will be closed to all pupils on these days.

**1st September 2022**  
**2nd September 2022**  
**3rd January 2023**  
**20th July 2023**  
**21st July 2023**

## 2022/23 Term Dates

<b>Term 1</b>	5 September 2022	-	21 October 2022
<i>Autumn break</i>	24 October 2022	-	28 October 2022
<b>Term 2</b>	31 October 2022	-	16 December 2022
<i>Christmas break</i>	19 December 2022	-	2 January 2023
<b>Term 3</b>	4 January 2023	-	10 February 2023
<i>February break</i>	13 February 2023	-	17 February 2023
<b>Term 4</b>	20 February 2023	-	31 March 2023
<i>April break</i>	3 April 2023	-	14 April 2023
<b>Term 5</b>	17 April 2023	-	26 May 2023
<i>May break</i>	29 May 2023	-	2 June 2023
<b>Term 6</b>	5 June 2023	-	19 July 2023

Monday May 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 is a Public Bank Holiday - School is closed

## 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  
18.05.22 - Online Safety Assembly 9.15am – Parents Invited  
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 - Jubilee Celebration Lunch in school  
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  
17.06.22 - Father's Day Gift Sale - 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

**Little Makers Art Club**

**Studio N Dance Letter**

**Chartwells Menu for Spring - Summer 2022**