



St Mary's Catholic Primary School School Bulletin

8th October 2021

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

Since I last wrote to you, St Mary's has continued to be busy with many visitors and activities taking place.

This week the children in Year 4 took part in a Rosary retreat with Father Dominic at the church. Father Dominic also came into school on Monday and helped celebrate our Harvest Liturgy with the children and staff. Thank you very much for your kind donations, which will be given to the Crowborough Foodbank.

This weekend it is Mental Health Awareness Day and as part of our activities to support this we were visited this week by 'Openview'. All our classes took part enthusiastically in workshops involving drama, performance and storytelling focusing on mental health and wellbeing.

As you know, we also had our Denominational Catholic Schools Inspection (CSI) on Tuesday 5th October 2021. Thank you to everyone who completed the parent/carer survey and everyone for your continued support of the school. The final report will be sent to school in the next few weeks and I will then be able to share with you the outcome of the inspection, as well as the published report.

Have a wonderful weekend
Best wishes
Mrs Scanlon

Acceptable Use agreements for pupils	All	Mr Getty
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The children have each brought home an Acceptable Use Agreement today. We ask that you read through these together at home to ensure they are fully understood. By signing this agreement, we hope to enable the children to take ownership and to commit to simple strategies for keeping themselves safe online and for respecting technology, both at school and at home.

Please could the Acceptable Use Agreement be returned to the School Office by Friday 15th October.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

School Uniform	All	Mrs Scanlon
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Please note that from this term our expectation 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.

Please also note the information regarding jewellery, particularly ear-rings. Children wearing ear-rings will not be allowed to participate in swimming or PE lessons. If a child is wearing ear-rings on a day where they have a swimming or PE lessons, they will be given the opportunity to remove their ear-rings themselves. If your child is unable to remove their own ear-rings please can

you ensure they are removed at home before coming to school as staff members are not allowed to assist children removing ear-rings.

East Sussex Volunteer Induction courses

Parents

Office

East Sussex are running another countywide online volunteer induction course for anyone who would like to volunteer with families. The course will be held in the evenings and will be six sessions over three weeks. Topics include Health & Safety, Equality and Diversity and Safeguarding. It's a brilliant way for parents to gain confidence, especially if they are thinking of getting back to work. Please see attached flyer for full details.

East Sussex Courses

All

Office

Please see attached flyer of courses available to all parents from 'Open for Parents'. They can offer help and support directly to the parents, **free of charge**, as part of East Sussex's Early Help 0-19 Services provision. They provide a variety of online parenting courses, each with specific tips to help deal with the most common behaviour problems. If you are interested in booking any courses, please take a look at the attached flyer for more information.

Applying for Secondary Schools

Violet

Office

A reminder to parents of the pupils in Violet class regarding applying to secondary school.

The deadline for applications is 31 October 2021.

Please be aware that the deadline falls during the half term break so please do not leave it until the last minute as the office is not staffed during this time should you need any assistance. It is very important that you apply in time as you may find that your choices will be limited if you make a late application.

Please see

<https://new.eastsussex.gov.uk/education-learning/schools/admissions/apply-secondary>

where full information can be found and also the link to make your on-line application.

If you have any problems applying online or need any further advice regarding admissions, please phone Tracy Shields in the school office Wednesdays to Friday.

Thank you

Beacon Academy Open Saturday

Violet

Office

Beacon Academy Open Day: TOMORROW - Saturday 9th October 2021

For those who were unable to book the tours next week at Beacon Academy, please see below message regarding their Open day tomorrow.

We look forward to welcoming Year 6 prospective students and their parents or carers to our interactive Open Saturday on **9th October, from 10:00am – 1:00pm**. This popular event provides visitors with the chance to explore every aspect of life at Beacon Academy and discover what we can offer your child to ensure they make the best progress possible within our supportive, challenging and stimulating environment.

On Open Day, we invite you to explore our facilities, try lots of fun activities and meet students, departmental staff, and our Senior Team. Attend a presentation in Beeches Main Hall led by our Headteacher, Anna Robinson and other key members of staff involved in supporting children making the

transition from primary to secondary school. Please note that a maximum of 280 people will be allowed to enter Beeches Main Hall for the presentations on Open Day.

This year, we have created a pre-recorded version of our Open Day presentation for our Open Morning Tour visitors and anyone that is unable to attend the talk in-person on Open Day. If you would like to request a link to this recording, [please complete this short online form](#).

Booking is not required for our Open Day, however in an effort to reduce visitor numbers, **we are asking that a maximum of two people attend with the prospective student in Year 6.**

Football Boots APPEAL

All

Office

We are in desperate need for studded football boots for a cross country event at Beacon, which some of our children will be competing in next Wednesday.

If you have borrowed football boots from school in the past, PLEASE can these be returned as soon as possible. If you have any spare football boots at home that your children have grown out of and you are happy to donate them to the school for our supply, please send them in to the school office, these will be very gratefully received.

Thank you.

FSM Dates

All

FSM

The Friends of St Mary's are delighted to have been able to start hosting some events at school again this term. Details will be posted on their Facebook page this week.

[Friends of St. Mary's Primary School Crowborough](#)



[@FriendsofStMarysCrow](#)

In the meantime, please make a note of the following dates in your diary:

Thursday 14th October - Cheese & Wine evening – Meet the FSM and see how you can get involved. This will also be our AGM meeting to review last years fundraising and discuss future events and appoint new committee members.

Monday 18th October – Bags2School – Donations to be dropped off at school on Thurs 14th & Fri 15th October

Wednesday 20th October – Autumn Disco - **letter to follow by ParentMail next week to book a place.**

Please see attached posters for further information.

Class Cake Sales

All

FSM

Well done to Violet class for starting off the run of class cakes sales after school today. There was a lovely selection of cakes to buy and we will let you know how much they raised next week.

Next Friday 15th October it is Indigo Class' turn.

Each class is responsible for supplying the goods for their sale. We ask please that all cakes/biscuits do not contain nuts. We also need parents of the class to set up beforehand and sell the cakes after school and clear away afterwards, please co-ordinate with each other to ensure that you have enough helpers on the day. Usually, it needs around four helpers to make the sale run smoothly. The Friends of St Mary's will supply a cash float for change on the day and will collect the money raised afterwards.

Please make a note of the future dates and we hope that the whole school community will support all of the classes' efforts and please remember to bring some change on the day to buy some cakes / biscuits and treats after school.

15th October – Indigo Class
5th November – Blue Class
12th November - Green Class
19th November – Yellow Class
26th November – Orange Class
10th December - Red Class

Thank you

Girls Rugby	Girls age 6 plus	Office
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Please see attached flyer from Crowborough Rugby club advertising an open day for girls' rugby for 6- to 13-year-olds on 17th October 2021.

Message from one of the parents of members.

It has never been so important to try something new! As a headteacher and a mum of 2 girls I know the importance of physical activity for young people. Rugby is a great activity and sport to stimulant the mind and body and is great to improve mental and physical well-being. Please give it a try and come along to our open morning. Please see attached.

Kind regards

Mrs Sarah Griggs

(Girls' rugby mum)

Morrisons Good to Grow	All	Office
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Thank you to all those who have already registered and donated vouchers.

We have now had **644** tokens donated, which is growing each week, thank you.

You can still collect vouchers until 24th October and have until 31st October to donate them to the school, so it's not too late to join.

See <https://my.morrisons.com/more/#/> for more information.

Diary Dates		
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October

9th - Beacon Academy Open Event 10am to 1pm for Violet Class

11th – Mental Health Awareness Day

12th – Indigo Class Mass

14th - Welcome Assembly 9.15am– Red class parents welcome to attend.

15th - Indigo (Y5) Class Cake Sale (3.15pm)

18th – Flu Vaccinations (whole school)

19th – Green Class Mass (9:15am)

20th – Inter-House Football Tournament

21st – Last Day of Term for pupils (3:15pm)

22nd – INSET DAY

November

1st – INSET DAY

2nd – First Day of Term for pupils

2nd - All Souls Day Liturgy

4th – Individual/Family School Photographs and Yellow class group photo.

5th - Blue (Y4) Class Cake Sale (3.15pm)

8th – 12th – Book Week

8th & 10th – Pupil/Parent/Teacher Consultations

11th – Remembrance Assembly (10.45am)

12th - Green (Y3) Class Cake Sale (3.15pm)

18th – New Parent (Sep'22) Open Morning (9:30am)

19th - New Parent (Sep'22) Open Afternoon (2pm)

19th - Yellow(Y2) Class Cake Sale (3.15pm)

26th - Orange (Y1) Class Cake Sale (3.15pm)

29th – Advent Reconciliation Service (9am)

10th December Red (YR) Class Cake Sale (3.15pm)

Documents attached		
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Countywide On-line Volunteer Induction flyer 2021

Parenting Guide Oct Nov Dec Countywide

Uniform Policy

FSM AGM Cheese and Wine Poster

Bags to School Poster

Autumn Disco Poster

Girls Rugby Flyer