



St Mary's Catholic Primary School School Bulletin

7th July 2022

SUBJECT	YEAR GROUPS RELEVANT TO	STAFF CONTACT
First Holy Communion	All	Mrs Scanlon and Mr Getty

On Sunday 26th June 2022, four of our children made their First Holy Communion at St Mary's Church. We enjoyed celebrating this special sacrament with the children and would like to extend our thanks to Miss Heathcote and all the Catechists who helped them in their preparation programme for this special day.



RSHE Consultation	All	Mr Getty and Miss Russell
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Thank you to those who were able to attend the meeting for parents and carers on Thursday 30th June regarding our RSHE curriculum. Following the past academic year's trial period for the new 'Journey in Love' resources, we are now consulting with the school community as we look towards implementing the alternative diocesan-approved scheme, 'TenTen: Life to the Full' from September.



Please see the ParentMail from Miss Russell outlining the Consultation process and for instructions to access the TenTen materials.

St Mary's Strategic Plan 2022-23	All	Mrs Scanlon
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On **Thursday 14th July** we will be sharing our Strategic Plan for 2022-23 in our whole school assembly at **9.15am**.

All parents and carers, as well as our new intake of families in EYFS and members of our parish community, are invited to join the Senior Leadership Team, the Governors, the staff team and our pupils as we join together to embark on our School Development Plan for the year ahead.

We would be grateful if you could confirm by email to the school office on office@stmarysrc.e-sussex.sch.uk if you will be attending, so we can organise this event accordingly.

Welcome	All	Mrs Scanlon
<p>I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Lorraine O'Reilly has joined our school office team this week as our new School Secretary on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. I am sure you will all join me in welcoming Mrs O' Reilly as she joins our school and community here at St Mary's.</p>		
Year 5 and 6 Residential	All	Mr Getty
<p>Last Friday-Monday, many of our Year 5 and 6 classes enjoyed a residential trip to PGL Windmill Hill. The children had opportunities to join in with a wide range of activities over the weekend: common favourites included the Giant Swing and Aeroball!</p> <p>The staff team who joined the children were all incredibly proud and impressed to see the children demonstrating such maturity, kindness and resilience as part of this time away. Many children took the opportunity to face fears and push their limits, as well as working cooperatively and looking out for each other through strong teamwork.</p> <p>Many memories were made and much laughter was shared. A fantastic weekend for all involved!</p> <p>Many thanks to Miss Morley, Mrs Pallant, Mr Coleman, Mrs Gorringe, Ms Solly and Mrs French for their work in ensuring the trip was successful, safe and enjoyable for all.</p> <div data-bbox="108 887 1437 1440" data-label="Image"> </div> <p><i>Please see the attached document for some 'write-ups' about our trip away!</i></p>		
Ukulele Performance	Year 3	Miss Cook

On Thursday, Year 3 took proudly to the stage, to entertain their parents and the other classes with a wonderful showcase of songs they've learnt on the Ukulele. They have been learning the instrument in weekly lessons with Mrs. Lindsey from Create Music. Concentrating and practising hard to strum in time and learn the correct fingering of different chords. They have really enjoyed their music lessons and had lots of fun performing. Thank you to all the parents who were able to be part of our audience.



Jolf Day	All	Ms Stonestreet
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The whole school took part in a special 'Jolf Day' on Thursday this week.

Jolf is a children's game which was established in 2011 and focuses on building the skills needed to play golf independently within a golf course.

Each class took part in a session led by a coach - the children had to look at the different holes and think about how best to make the shots. They learnt that the putter helped them to hit the ball slowly along the ground and were encouraged to play safely, sensibly and supportively. Someone in each class was awarded the golden gold ball for displaying these sportsman qualities during their session.

As you can see from the pictures, we all had lots of fun!



Laudato Si Day

All

Miss Russell

On Friday 1st July, St Mary's celebrated a whole school 'Laudato Si' day, reflecting on Pope Francis' call to look after God's beautiful world and act as stewards of the earth.

The RE Council led a thought-provoking assembly and then classes each carried out their own activities focusing on ways of celebrating and preserving the natural world.

Year 4 made bird and butterfly feeders to look after our local wildlife.



Year 3 made 'thumb-print' paintings of some of God's wonderful creatures!



Sports Day Reminder

All

Office

Further to the letter sent to all on the 23/6/22, a reminder to the key points for Sports day planned for Friday 8th July 2022.

- Children are welcome to come to school already wearing their PE kit for this day.
- The children will arrive in school as normal for the start of the school day,
- At 10.00am, parents/carers will arrive and the Field Events will begin.
- Picnic lunch on the field at 12.00pm. The gates will be opened and supervised again at this time to provide a second opportunity to arrive for anyone unable to attend the morning events.
- At 1.00pm, a series of races and track events will take place for all classes after registration. Once all races are complete, a trophy will be presented to the overall winning house team.
- Following the end of our events, parents/carers will be able to take their children home if they wish, collecting them from the relevant class teacher so that we can adhere to our usual end-of-day collection safeguarding procedures.
- All other children will remain in the class until the end of the day and will need to be collected as usual at 3.15pm.

**Orange Class - Charity Day –
Water Aid**

All

Mrs Tabassi-Gill

A message from Orange Class – Year 1.

On Thursday 7th July, we will be performing our concert for WaterAid. We have been working very hard to get ready for the show!

We will be performing the concert once in the morning, for pupils, and once in the afternoon, for Orange Class parents, carers and families only.

Pupils will be able to find out more about WaterAid's work and support our fundraising for this amazing charity.

Pupils: how can you help?

We will be asking every pupil to bring in small change, 1ps, 2ps, 5ps or 10ps, to donate to WaterAid on Thursday 7th July. As Orange Class have been learning to count in 2s, 5s and 10s this term, we will be able to count your donations ourselves!

Orange Class Parents, carers and families: how can you help?

Please come to a special performance of the concert on Thursday 7th July just for Orange Class parents, carers and families. You have already been sent an invitation via Parentmail. You don't have to buy a ticket, just donate whatever you can at the concert!

Please give what you can to support WaterAid!

School Uniform

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Office

As many people are sourcing school uniform for the new school year, a reminder that woven school iron-on badges are available to be purchased from the school office at a cost of £1.70 each. These can be attached to jumpers, cardigans and polo tops from alternative retailers and can be a more cost-effective alternative to buying the woven items from online school outfitters.

A reminder that jumpers and cardigans should be royal blue and sweatshirt material. The jumpers should be v necked. Polo shirts should be light blue. Year 6 may wear white polo shirts in their final year. These do not have to have the school badge attached.

The school outfitter website is <https://www.brigade.uk.com/parents/>

Search for **ST MARYS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL -EAST SUSSEX**

Please note the search previously required you to type the apostrophe in Mary's for the school to be found, now the apostrophe has been removed.

Message from Brigade

Orders are currently taking 21 working days, however this can vary dependant upon stock availability. ****IMPORTANT SUMMER HOLIDAY ORDER INFORMATION**** Place your order before 22nd July for delivery before the start of term.

We would be grateful for donations or uniform no longer required that are in good wearable condition to add to our stock of second-hand items available for sale.

Father Dominic's Retirement Event and Parish Picnic	All	Church
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Parish Picnic - Sunday, 10th July, 2022

1.00pm to 3.00pm

Please note this was previously advertised by us at 1.30pm to 3.30pm . The correct time is 1pm to 3pm.

All are very welcome

Please put the above date in your diaries and come and join in the celebration of our Parish community. We are predicting - or praying - for fine weather!

The Picnic will be held in the Church Garden with a bar, BBQ, Indian and Indonesian food. Please feel free to bring your own picnic and drinks as well as chairs and picnic blankets.

Fr Dominic will be coming so that we can thank him for his time with us and wish him well for his future.

Children who have received their First Communion and young adults who received their Confirmation will receive their certificates.

All help welcome - please speak to a member of the Parish Council or pop a note through the Priest's Cottage door.

We look forward to seeing you, your family and friends on this happy occasion.

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

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

Monday May 1st 2023 is a Public Bank Holiday - School is closed

TERM 6

(Split into weeks)

04.07.22 to 06.07.22 Violet Class transition days to Beacon

06.07.22 - Internal transition day

07.07.22 - Orange Class Water Aid Charity Day

08.07.22 - Sports Day AM whole school - All parents invited

10.7.2022 - Parish Picnic and Fr Dominic's Retirement event 1pm to 3pm - All welcome

13.07.22 Yellow and Green class trips to Bedgebury Pinetum

13.07.22 & 14.07.22 Indigo/Violet Class Production 7pm

18.07.22 - Reserve Sports Day - change of date

17.07.22 - Friends of St Mary's Summer Fair 11.00am - New time

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

Friends of St Mary's Newsletter

PGL Write-Ups by Y5/6 children

Poster regarding the new local Repair Clinic.