



St Mary's Catholic Primary School School Bulletin

6th May 2022

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

On Sunday Bishop Richard informed the Parish that Father Dominic would be retiring.

As you know, Father Dominic has been an extremely regular visitor to our school and is very much part of our school life here at St Mary's. His positive, kind, helpful, knowledgeable and, always joyful presence around the school has been really valued and appreciated by all our children, staff and governors and he will be greatly missed by us all.

As such, I am sure you will join me in thanking Father Dominic for all his support, commitment, and enthusiasm for our school, parish, and community. We continue to send Father Dominic our best wishes and are keeping him in our thoughts and prayers, as he continues to make his recovery back to full health.

Father Dominic	All	Parish Bulletin
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Please see the message below that is published in the church bulletin this week;

Bishop Richard came to our Parish on Sunday 1st May to inform us that, due to his ongoing poor health, Fr Dominic has asked to retire from active Parish Ministry. This decision was not taken easily but Bishop Richard accepted his request. I am sure we are all very grateful for the care and support Fr Dominic has given to our Parish and school community.

For the time being Fr Hugh Dutton will continue to celebrate Sunday Mass at 9.30am at St Mary's Church. Throughout May there is an hour of silent prayer each Tuesday evening from 8.15pm for peace in Ukraine and praying of the rosary at 12 noon on Fridays. Everyone is welcome.

Please continue to pray for Fr Dominic and if you wish to write to him his address is St Joseph's Nursing Home, [41 East St, Littlehampton BN17 6AU](mailto:41.East.St.Littlehampton.BN17.6AU).

Fr Dominic has also made a video message with an Eastertide blessing that is available on the Parish Facebook page at:

<https://fb.watch/cOyWpTFevC/>

or by searching for @stmaryscrowborough on Facebook

Welcome back Miss Russell	All	Mrs Scanlon
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We are delighted to welcome back Miss Russell to the school, who is returned to St Mary's on Thursday 5th May 2022 following her maternity leave. Miss Russell will be teaching across all classes throughout Terms 5 and 6 and will also be returning to her role as RSHE leader.

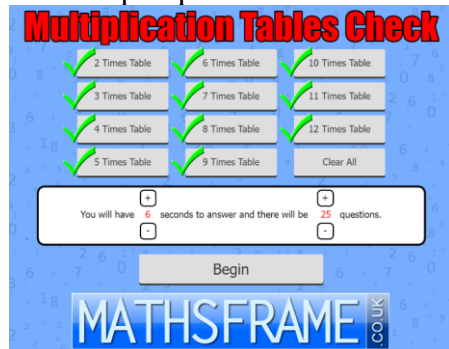
Multiplication	All – especially Y2, Y4 and Y6	Miss Cook scook@stmarysrc.e-sussex.sch.uk
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Learning multiplication facts and relating them to division facts is a key skill which children are working hard to master.

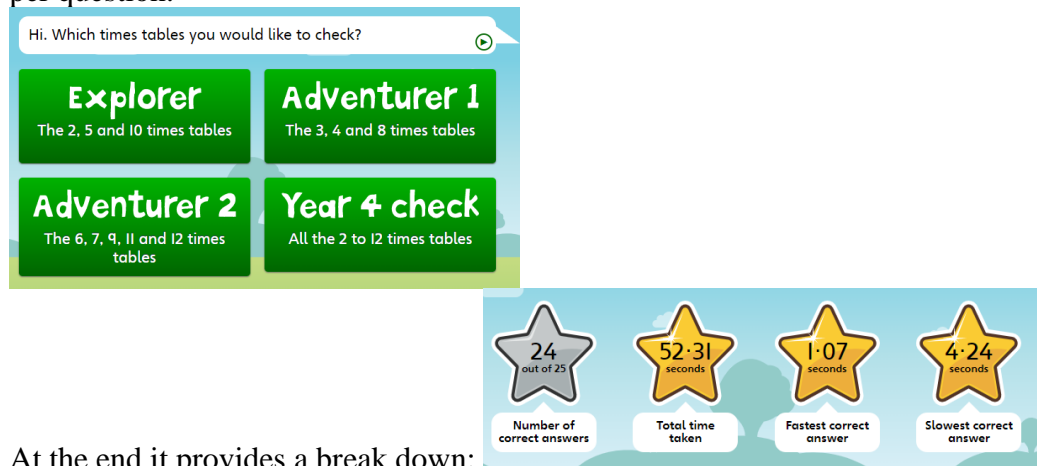
In Year 2, children are expected to know their 2x, 5x and 10x table, with them working on their 3x, 4x and 8x table in Year 3, so that by the summer in Year 4 they can recall their multiplication facts up to 12 x 12.

Lots of families encourage and support the use of Times Table Rock Stars at home which is fabulous. However, there are other websites out there that allow your child to develop rapid recall. I quite like: <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

If you click 'adjust difficulty' you can select which tables you want your child to practise and also adjust the time per question – if 6 seconds is too quick then I suggest you change this and over time reduce it.



Another site which has been recommended is: <https://www.themathsfactor.com/times-tables-check/#/> You can select groups of multiplication tables to practise, and then it gives you the option of selecting a time per question.



At the end it provides a break down:

6×5	30	✓ Correct		1.24 seconds
$6 \div 2$	3	✓ Correct		1.07 seconds
8×3	24	✓ Correct		1.79 seconds
11×12	138	✗ Wrong	$11 \times 12 = 132$	4.74 seconds
4×2	8	✓ Correct		1.48 seconds
11×7	77	✓ Correct		2.18 seconds
$40 \div 10$	4	✓ Correct		1.11 seconds

so you can clearly see which multiplication facts your child needs to practise.

Maths practise	All – especially Year 2 and 6	Miss Cook scook@stmarysrc.e-sussex.sch.uk
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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.

Mymaths is also an excellent resource to help explain and practise concepts – if anyone needs their log in, please email me – scook@stmarysrc.e-sussex.sch.uk

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

Holiday Club	All	Newton Lang
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Newton Lang Childcare will be running a May mid-term break Holiday Club in Uckfield. Please see attached booking form if you would like to sign up for your Child(ren).

May Half Term Dance Workshop	All	Studio N Dance
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Studio N Dance are holding a dance workshop in the May half term in Groombridge Village Hall. Please see attached letter for details

Jarvis Brook Juniors Football	5 & 6 year olds	JBJFC
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Jarvis Brook Juniors Football Club are holding a free taster session on Sunday 15th May at their annual BBQ and awards event. Please see attached flyer for further details.

Cake sale	All	Orange Class
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A reminder that Year 1 will be holding their cake sale next Wednesday 11th May. Please can Year 1 bring all contributions of cakes / biscuits etc. to the school office on the day of the sale.

Please remember to bring some money to support the class cake sales.

Thank you

School Meal Options	All	Office
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The school meals delivery company have informed the kitchen staff that there are no supplies for baguettes available to be delivered next week. After Monday's supply has been utilised, the kitchen can provide only wraps as an alternative to the baguettes with the same fillings' options.

If your child usually chooses a baguette, please make them aware that they is not available from Tuesday onwards, only wraps as an alternative. If the supplies of baguettes continue to be unavailable after next week the kitchen will investigate alternative options.

The Week 1 advertised hot menu choices including jacket potatoes are still available.

FSM Upcoming Events	All	FSM
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There have been some amendments to times and or dates for some upcoming events.

The Colour Run will be held on Sunday 22nd May at 11.30pm - new time

The Summer Fair will be held on Saturday 16th July at 2pm - new date

Please update your diaries with the new time and dates. Further details regarding the events to follow.

Thank you

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

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

TERM 5

09.05.22 to 12.05.22 Year 6 SATs week

11.05.22 - Year 1 Cake Sale

17.05.22 - Marian Assembly led by Indigo class – Indigo class parents/carers invited

18.05.22 - Online Safety Assembly 9.15am – All parents/carers invited

22.5.22 - Friends of St Mary's - Colour Run 11.30am - New Time

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

25.05.22 - Reception Class Cake Sale

26.05.22 - Sponsored Walk for CAFOD – All parents/carers invited

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

16.07.22 - Summer Fair - Friends of St Mary's 2pm (Please note date change)

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 - All parents invited
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

Uckfield May 2022 Holiday Club Booking Form
Studio N Dance May Workshop
Jarvis Brook Football Flyer