



St Mary's Catholic Primary School School Bulletin

26th February 2021

SUBJECT	YEAR GROUPS RELEVANT TO	STAFF CONTACT
Term 4	All	Carol Scanlon

Welcome back to the new term, which began this week with the news from the government that schools will reopen to all pupils on Monday 8th March.

As we prepare for the return of all of the children to school, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and understanding throughout Term 3 and the start of Term 4, during the National Lockdown. I would also like to say thank you to the staff and all of our families for ensuring our pupils have been able to be so well supported in their learning throughout this time; whether that learning was in school or at home.

Next week we will be sending out information regarding the return to school on the 8th March, which will include our start and end of day arrangements.

Mental Health Support	All	Liz Hills
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Please check out the link below for a wealth of resources compiled by East Sussex to support parent/carers', young people and children's mental health and wellbeing:

https://dfemedia.blog.gov.uk/2021/02/01/mental-health-resources-for-children-parents-carers-and-school-staff/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Anxiety Support	All	Liz Hills
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Please check out the documents sent out with this bulletin on anxiety. They may be helpful to you if you feel your child is experiencing anxiety at this time.

Thank a Teacher	All	Liz Hills
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Anyone you would like to thank? This is not exclusive to teachers. We are a Team and the contribution of all school staff is important.

Get involved in the #ThankATeacher campaign

Show a special member of staff how much their work is valued by sending a free [Thank a Teacher card](#).

Local Provision for Children and Young People with SEND – Survey	All	East Sussex County Council
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Local provision for Children and Young People with SEND – a chance to have your say!

East Sussex County Council is looking to improve the outcomes and life experiences of children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND). As a part of the development of the new SEND strategy for East Sussex, we are undertaking a needs assessment to look at the needs of our local population, and the extent to which these are being met by current provision and support services. The findings from this needs assessment will directly inform how we approach future provision in the county.

The knowledge, insight and lived experiences of our parents and carers means that, in order to get this right, it's crucial your voices are heard. As a key part of the needs assessment the East Sussex Parent Carer Forum, East Sussex County Council, the CCG and Amaze have worked together to develop a survey to ask parent carers for their views. We want to understand what is important to you, what is working well to support you, and where there are gaps or there is improvement needed to local provision.

The following link will take you to our local survey, which will run from 16 February to 9 March and should take about 15-20 minutes of your time to complete:

<https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/public-health/send-jsna/>

We very much appreciate that, particularly with the circumstances of the current pandemic, your time is limited, so we have tried to design the survey in such a way that the impact on your time is as limited as is possible. Your views will be treated with utmost confidence and anything you say will not be directly attributed to you in the final report.

The needs assessment will be published in full on the [East Sussex JSNA website](#) in the Spring of 2021.

If you have any queries please email ISENDProjects@eastsussex.gov.uk.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this survey

RSE Parents and Carers Consultation	All	Mrs Scanlon
<p>An information meeting was held on Teams on Thursday 25th February at 6pm to which all parents and carers were invited. At this meeting information regarding the statutory changes to the RSHE curriculum was explained.</p> <p>Our RSE school policy has also been reviewed in light of the new statutory guidance and in line with Diocesan guidance and can be found on the school website by clicking on the School Information tab and then on Policies. A copy is also available from the school office.</p> <p>Our school RSE Policy consultation for parents and carers has now begun and will last for six weeks. The closing date for the consultation is Thursday 8th April 2021.</p> <p>If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like further information regarding the statutory changes to RHSE, please click on the link below.</p> <p>DfE guidance - Understanding Relationships and Health Education in your child's primary school: a guide for parents https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/907638/RSE_primary_schools_guide_for_parents.pdf</p> <p>If you have any further questions/comments as part of this consultation, please email Mrs Scanlon at head@stmarysrc.e-sussex.sch.uk</p>		

School Menu for the Week Beginning 1st March 2021

Menu choices week beginning 1st March 2021

Day	Main Option	Special Diets – Allergy menu Only
Monday	Veggie Pizza and Dough balls	GF Tomato pasta
Tuesday	Sausage and Mash	Turkey Burger and Mash
Wednesday	Roast Chicken	Roast Chicken
Thursday	Pasta Bolognese	GF Pasta Bolognese
Friday	Fish fingers and Chips	GF Fish fingers and Chips

Jacket Potato options & Tomato Pasta also available each day

Attached to the bulletin
 Anxiety.pdf
 Coping with Anxiety.pdf