



St Mary's Catholic Primary School School Bulletin

18th June 2021

SUBJECT	YEAR GROUPS RELEVANT TO	STAFF CONTACT
	All	Mrs Scanlon
<p>It has been another busy week here at St Mary's!</p> <p>We were able to begin swimming again this week in our pool for some of our year groups and on Wednesday we were able to attend the Diocesan 'Good Shepherd' celebration virtually as a whole school, which was a lovely reminder to our children of the links and connections across our Diocese.</p> <p>We were also delighted that some of our school governors from the Wellbeing Team were also able to visit us this week and today we have enjoyed taking part in 'Do Something Different Day' organised by the Friends of St Mary's. As well as raising money for our school, it has been fantastic to see the creative ways the children have found to join in with this day. Thank you for all your donations and to the children for joining in with so much enthusiasm.</p> <p>Have a lovely weekend Best wishes Mrs Scanlon</p>		
Governors Wellbeing Team Visit	All	Lorna Buckwell
<p>On Thursday, governors from the Wellbeing Team were delighted to be able to visit St Mary's in person once again.</p> <p>The governors met with Mrs Scanlon and Mr Getty and they also had an opportunity to speak with the School Council, who spoke extremely positively about their experiences of St Mary's. One child in particular explained that "at St Mary's, people smile at you wherever you go".</p> <p>During their visit, the governors heard about the children's emotional wellbeing and how this is nurtured and developed within school. They also heard about all the provision that has been put in place to support the children to recognise, communicate and manage their emotional responses, both through whole-school initiatives and more personalised approaches, as well as hearing about all the hard work that has been put into ensuring that the children of St Mary's are happy and safe.</p>		
Letter from Stuart Gallimore/Darrell Gale Director of Children's Services Director of Public Health	All	East Sussex County Council
<p>East Sussex County Council have asked us to share the attached letter from the Director of Children's Services, Stuart Gallimore and the Director of Public Health, Darrell Gale</p>		
Welcome to Mrs Tanner	All	Mrs Scanlon
<p>We are very pleased to announce that Mrs Tanner has been appointed as our new swimming instructor at St Mary's. We are delighted that she has joined the team which has allowed us to resume swimming lessons in school this term.</p> <p>We are very grateful to Mrs Tanner for getting all the plans in place so that the children in years 2 – 6 were able to enjoy swimming lessons this week.</p>		

Swimming Lessons	2-6	Office
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Here is a reminder of the swimming timetable for the rest of this term.

	Morning Session 2			Afternoon Session 1			Afternoon Session 2		
	A	B	C	A	B	C	A	B	C
	10.35	11.00	11.25	12.55	13.20	13.40	14.00	14.20	14.40
Wed.				Green (3)			Indigo (5)		
Thurs.	Yellow (2)			Blue (4)			Violet (6)		

Please ensure that you child has the correct kit needed otherwise they will not be able to participate in lessons 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.

If you have not already paid for the £10 contribution towards the cost of providing the swimming lessons, you can find this by logging into your Parent Mail account and find the payment item in the 'shop' section'

Thank you.

Water Bottles	All	Mrs Scanlon
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Please can you ensure that your child brings a refillable water bottle with them to school each day, preferably one with a pull up sports cap. We no longer have reusable water bottles to sell and with current covid restrictions we cannot allow children to borrow water bottles for the day. We have had to buy some disposable water bottles for emergency situations only but we are finding that we are getting asked for increasing large numbers of these every day. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

St Gregory's Secondary School Experience Day	Year 5	Office
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We have received the following message from St Gregory's school regarding the planned Secondary School Experience Day on 5th July which will unfortunately no longer be able to go ahead.

After the Government's announcement on Monday evening, just to confirm that unfortunately we will not be able to go ahead with our Year 5 Experience Days that we had planned for July this year.

We are very sorry we now will not be able to welcome your lovely Year 5 into St Gregory's on the date we had arranged with you, however we really do hope we will be able to do so this time next year!

School Photos	Years R & 6	Office
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A reminder that the children in Reception class and Year 6 will be having their class group photographs taken in school on Monday. You will have the option of purchasing a photo of the class group in due course. Individual school photos for all year groups will be taken as usual in term 2 in the new school year.

Bags 2 School	All	Office
<p>Don't forget to bring your bags to school for donation on Tuesday 22nd June. Georgie Barton has kindly offered to be on the drive by the church on Monday 21st June between 2.30-5.30pm to take in your donations and will be there again early Tuesday morning. We expect the Bags 2 School van to collect between 9am and 1pm. Please ensure you spread the word to friends and family. The more we donate, the more money we make for the school. Please ensure you check the Friends of St Mary's Facebook page for a list of items they accept. Thank you</p>		
Uniform Sale	All	Office
<p>The Friends of St Mary's will be selling second hand uniform everyday next week on the school drive from 2.45pm until 3.30pm. To ensure people can remain socially distant and avoid crowding, each day will be for a different day as follows:</p> <p>Monday 21st - Reception & Year 1 (Ages 3, 4, 5) Tuesday 22nd - Year 2 (Ages 5, 6, 7) Wednesday 23rd - Year 3 (Ages 6, 7, 8) Thursday 24th - Year 4 (Ages 7, 8, 9) Friday 25th - Year 5 & Year 6 (Ages 9 upwards)</p> <p>Items range from 50p to £3.50. As well as uniform we also have a small selection of coats and school shoes.</p> <p>If the weather is very wet on any days, we may need to postpone.</p> <p>Following these sales, we will be limiting the amount of donations of 'grey' uniform (skirts, shirts, trousers) and predominantly only taking donations of branded school items.</p> <p>The Iron on School badges can also be purchased from the school office; they are now £1.70 each.</p>		
Stagecoach	All	Office
<p>Please see attached Flyer for Stagecoach Summer Camps in Tunbridge Wells.</p>		
<p>Document attached Letter from Director of Children Services.</p>		