



St Mary's Catholic Primary School School Bulletin

Friday 24th September 2021

SUBJECT	YEAR GROUPS RELEVANT TO	STAFF CONTACT
Secondary School Applications	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. 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.

If you wish to attend any of the Open Events being held by local secondary school in school time, please let the office know in advance.

Thank you

Flu Vaccination	All	Office
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A reminder that the NHS Vaccination team will be administering the nasal flu vaccination in school on Monday 18th October. Full details were sent in a Parent Mail communication on 9th September and the letter and leaflet are attached to this bulletin for ease of reference. You must give your consent online following the link in the letter if you wish for your child to receive the vaccination in school. Please note that the deadline for registration your consent is 5 working days before so please register before 11th October.

MacMillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning	All	Support Staff
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We will be supporting the MacMillan World's Biggest coffee morning to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support Charity on Tuesday 28th September from 8.45am to 11am in the school hall. All very welcome, please bring your family and friends.

We will also be holding a raffle on the day. If any parents would like to donate a prize to the raffle, that would be very welcome. Please contact the office. Donations of cakes are also welcomed either on Monday 27th or on the day. We ask that cakes are nut free, please.

Enjoy tea / coffee and cake while raising funds for a much-deserved charitable cause. We look forward to seeing you all and thank you for your support

Please see attached flyer.

DBS	Volunteers	Office
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If you have previously been a volunteer at St Mary's and are willing to volunteer again, we would be very grateful of your time. We have application packs in the office, if you could complete this and bring it back to the office with 3 forms of identification, we will be able to resubmit an application.
Thank you so much.

Payment for School Meals	Years 3-6	Office
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School meals currently cost £2.15 per day for children in Years 3 – 6, (unless entitled to Free School Meals). Payment is made through an online secure website called Parentpay.

www.parentpay.com

If you have recently moved into Year 3 and you would like your child to start having school meals, please contact the office and you will be given the activation codes and instructions on how to set up an account.

The ParentPay system allows you to book and pay for school meals in advance of them being taken. You have up until 8.30am on the day of the meal to book or cancel for the same day. If you have booked meals for the whole week in advance and decided one was not required it is very easy to cancel and the funds would be added back to your school meals account.

Alternatively, you can add a sum of money to your child's school meals account which can then be used as meals are taken and charged by the school kitchen. We ask please that all parents make sure that they have sufficient credit balance on their school meals account to pay for meals in advance. It is not acceptable to allow debts for your child's meals to accumulate on the school's account. A considerable amount of time is taken up by the kitchen and office staff to inform parents of debts accumulating. Low balance alerts can be set up via ParentPay to send you an email reminder when your account falls below a certain level set by you.

If you set up the 'bank transfer' facility as a payment option on your ParentPay account, you can activate an auto-top-up feature where the account will transfer funds directly from your bank account by an amount set by you. The ParentPay website help pages can give you more information or please do call the office if you need further assistance. Please be assured that you child will always receive a meal in school even if the payment has not been made in time.

Thank you.

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The Friends of St Mary's are holding their Annual General Meeting with a Cheese and Wine event. All are very welcome. Meet the Friends and chat about the events the St Mary's team hold and how you can help support your children's school.

This will be held on Thursday, 14th October in the school hall at 7.15pm. If you need any further information, please email Kathryn Eels at friendsofstmaryscrowborough@gmail.com

Studio N Dance	All	Office
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Studio N Dance are holding a dance workshop day in the October half-term holiday at Groombridge Village Hall. If you are interested, please see the attached letter and return to them direct.

Class Cake sales	All	FSM
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The Friends of St Mary's are reintroducing the class cake sales starting with Violet Class on Friday 8th October.

The class cake sales have been hugely popular and well supported in the past and all the money raised goes directly back to the class who can then decide on how they wish to spend it. This has often been to put to some new equipment for the class or to subsidise the costs of a school trip.

The cake sales take place in the school driveway straight after school. 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.

Here are the dates for all the classes;

8th October – Violet Class

15th October – Indigo Class

5th November – Blue Class

12th November - Green Class

19th November – Yellow Class

26th November – Orange Class

10th December - Red Class

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.

Thank you

Morrisons Good to Grow	All	Office
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We have registered with the Morrisons Growing School to get FREE gardening equipment for our school. Thank you to all those who have already registered and donated vouchers. We have had 262 tokens donated already which is a great start, thank you.

The Good to Grow is a collector scheme where you can exchange Grow Tokens for gardening equipment for our school. You collect vouchers until 24th October. You need to be signed up for My Morrisons rewards card either through their website <https://my.morrisons.com/more/#/> or by downloading the My Morrisons App. Each time you shop you will get a voucher for every £10 spent in store or online by scanning your My Morrisons reward card or a digital version on your phone through the app. You can then register and choose St Mary's to donate your Grow Tokens through the My Morrisons App or in the Good to Grow section on their website.

Some parents have said that they had a problem finding our school on the list when trying to register. We think this could be a problem with mobile devices timing out during the search. If you are having problems, try logging in on a laptop to select our school. Please search for **St Mary's Catholic** and make sure you select our school in Crowborough as there are a number of St Mary's registered so you may have to scroll through a number of pages.

At the end of the scheme, we will be able to use all the tokens donated and choose from a wide range of new gardening equipment for our school. Please support St Mary's and encourage your friends and family to do so too.

Many thanks for your support.

Diary Dates

All

Office

New dated added this week are in **BOLD**

September

27th – Welcome Assembly

28th - MacMillan World Biggest Coffee Morning (8.45am to 11am)

October

4th – Harvest Liturgy

5th – Blue Class Rosary Retreat morning

6th & 7th – OpenView Mental Health Workshops

8th - Violet Class (Y6) Cake Sale (3.15pm)

11th – 15th Beacon Open Morning tours for Violet Class –Fully Booked

11th – Mental Health Awareness Day

12th – Violet Class Mass (9:15am)

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)

23rd – Indigo Class Mass (9:15am)

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

29th – Advent Reconciliation Service (9am)

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

Attached		
Studio N Dance October Half Term Letter Flu Vaccination Letter PHE Flu vaccination information leaflet		