



# St Mary's Catholic Primary School School Bulletin

Friday 10th September 2021

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

Our first full week back at school has been busy and exciting and it has been fantastic to see the children enjoying their learning and enthusiastically engaging with all the activities that their teachers have set them throughout the week.

As usual there have been many highlights and one of these has been having the opportunity to have all our assemblies in the school Hall. Even though our liturgies continued throughout Lockdown and the restrictions, it has been truly wonderful since the start of the term to meet, sing and worship in person together as a school once again. This week we have continued to focus on what it is to be a part of St Mary's and 'Belong' together as a school and as a parish and as a community.

We were also delighted this week to welcome our two sports coaches from 'Pure Sports'; Mr Carpenter and Mr Hall who will be working with different classes each week in PE lessons on Mondays. They are also running sports activities at lunchtime and based on the feedback from children and parents that we have received, it is clear that the children thoroughly enjoyed these activities this week and are already looking forward to next Monday's lessons and activities.

Father Dominic also visited the school this week and worked with the RE Council in preparation for the liturgies that they will be leading in classes next week. The school librarians have also been busy helping to organise our fiction library which has been relocated to the heart of the school building, in order to continue to celebrate and encourage the love of reading throughout the school.

I do hope you have been able to see some of these activities/learning/events on our Facebook page as we are updating our home page regularly so that you can all share in your children's learning here at school.

Have a restful weekend.

Best wishes  
Mrs Scanlon

Attendance 2021-2022	All	Mrs Scanlon
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School attendance is mandatory and the usual rules continue to apply, including:

- a parent's duty to ensure that their child attends regularly at school, where the child is a registered pupil at school
- schools' responsibilities to record attendance and follow up absence
- the ability for schools and local authorities to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices in line with local authorities' codes of conduct.

### Positive cases and symptoms of Covid 19

Pupils/Staff/Parents or carers should not come into school if they have symptoms or have had a positive test result. Anyone in school who develops COVID-19 symptoms, will be sent home and told to follow public health advice.

From 16 August 2021, children under the age of 18 years old will no longer be required to self-isolate if they are contacted by NHS Test and Trace as a close contact of a positive COVID-19 case.

Instead, children will be contacted by NHS Test and Trace, informed they have been in close contact with a positive case and advised to take a PCR test.

<b>Return to Education Leaflet</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>DfE</b>
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Please see the attached **government information leaflet for parents and carers** with regards to your child's return to primary school this term.

See attached - **Return to Education - Primary School Leaflet**

<b>Brigade School Uniform</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>School Office</b>
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Brigade have informed us of supply issues and wanted to give you an update regarding parent orders placed online after our 1<sup>st</sup> August deadline.

We are currently suffering significant Covid related disruption within our work force and in many of our supply chains.

Suppliers to the whole industry are also affected by unprecedented transport issues and normal deliveries from suppliers are failing to reach us on time.

Unfortunately, this has resulted in the delayed delivery of some orders.

Our staff have worked tirelessly through the summer break to ensure pre-deadline orders are despatched and we are pleased to confirm all orders are expected to be delivered for the 6<sup>th</sup> September.

However, we informed you last term that orders received after the deadline would be delivered from mid-September onwards and this information has appeared on our website and flyers. Due to the disruption, we now expect these orders to be delivered as follows:

**Orders placed 2/8 – 13/8** will be delivered from the week beginning 13/9 – 3 x Orders

**Orders placed from 14/8** we estimate will be delivered from the week commencing 27/9 – 3 x Orders

We apologise for any inconvenience caused. If you require any uniform, we do have a second-hand uniform supply at school, so please contact Sabrina Allcorn via the new Facebook page dedicated to school uniform, if you require anything. <https://www.facebook.com/stmarys2ndhanduniform/>

<b>Flu Vaccination Program</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Office</b>
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The NHS Vaccination team will be administering the nasal flu vaccination in school on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October. A ParentMail was sent to all parents yesterday with full details. 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 11<sup>th</sup> October.

<b>Swimming</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Office</b>
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Weekly swimming starts for years 1 to 6 next week, beginning on the 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> September, please see timetable below.

Swimming timetable Term 1

	9.05am-10.05am	10.30am-11.30am	1.00pm-2.00pm	2.00pm - 3.00pm
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Wednesday	Year 3	Year 4	Year 2	Year 6
Thursday			Year 5	Year 1

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.

Please note that if your child does not have the required kit, they will not be allowed to swim so please ensure that your child remembers to bring in their kit on the correct day.

If you have completed a DBS check with the school recently and are available to help in the changing room and/or supervising the groups walking to and from the pool for the Year 1 or 2's swimming sessions, please let the office know. We only need maximum of 2 parent helpers during these sessions. We do not require volunteer helpers for years 3,4,5 & 6 at present.

The costs for the swimming lessons for term 1 are £13.00 per child. Payment is to be made via Parentmail. These payments are a voluntary contribution but are very important as they help towards the additional costs of the pool maintenance and the teaching staff.

<b>Meet the Teacher Sessions</b>	<b>Years 1-6</b>	<b>Office</b>
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You are invited to our 'Meet the Teacher' session for your child/children's class teacher. This is a group meeting and will be an opportunity to learn more about what your child will be learning over the coming year and give you an opportunity to ask any general questions that you may have.

These sessions will be held in the respective classrooms starting at 3.30pm to 4pm on the following days.

Year 1 - Orange Class - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 2 - Yellow Class - Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 3 - Green Class - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 4 - Blue Class - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September  
Year 5 - Indigo Class - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> September  
Year 6 - Violet Class - Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September

We hope that you will be able to attend.

<b>After School Clubs/Music Lessons</b>	<b>ALL</b>	<b>Office</b>
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Further updates on clubs and music lessons.

**Football Clubs**

Pure Sports have confirmed today that they will be running football clubs for both boys and girls mixed groups from this coming Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September, straight after school until 4.20pm.

Mondays for children in Years 3 & 4

Tuesdays for children in Years 5 & 6

Please book online at <https://www.puresportscoaching.co.uk/>

All sessions will be held outside. Football boots can be worn but are not necessary, trainers are ok. Children may change into their PE kit but it would be better to bring in other suitable clothing for playing football outside as they may get muddy. Waterproof jacket is advised in wet weather and tracksuit bottoms may be more suitable when the weather gets colder.

**Gym Club** will be starting on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> September

<https://gymspire-academy.class4kids.co.uk/info/523>

**Karate** is running every Thursdays, please book through

<https://www.samasoutheast.co.uk/>

**Dance Club** started today and runs every Friday

See letter attached for details.

**East Sussex Music Service** – individual lessons

Violin lessons have started

Guitar lessons will be starting week beginning 20<sup>th</sup> September.

Visit <https://www.eastsussexmusic.org/tuition> to register your interest regarding music lessons and for more information.

Please visit the club providers websites for more details or the links provided. Please ensure you book and pay for club directly with the club providers in advance and once you have had your place confirmed, please let the office know when if your child is attending an after-school club.

<b>Morrisons Good to Grow Scheme</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>Office</b>
<p>I have had confirmation today that our school is now registered with the Morrisons Growing School to get FREE gardening equipment for our school.</p> <p>The Good to Grow is a collector scheme where you can exchange Grow Tokens for gardening equipment for our school. You collect vouchers until 24<sup>th</sup> October. You need to be signed up for My Morrisons rewards card either through their website <a href="https://my.morrisons.com/more/#/">https://my.morrisons.com/more/#/</a> or by downloading the My Morrisons App. Each time you shop you will get 1 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.</p> <p>Earlier this week there seemed to be a problem that our school was not showing on the list but I can confirm that it is now. Please search for <b>St Mary's Catholic</b> and make sure you select our school in Crowborough as there are a number of St Mary's registered.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Many thanks for your support.</p>		
<b>Attached</b>		
Return to Education – Primary School Leaflet Dance Club letter		