



St Mary's Catholic Primary School School Bulletin

5th November 2021

SUBJECT	YEAR GROUPS RELEVANT TO	STAFF CONTACT
Term 2	All	Mrs Scanlon

Welcome back to Term 2, after what I hope was a restful half term.

We have a busy term ahead of us as a community in the run up to Christmas and our school has already been a hive of activity throughout this first week. This continues next week and some of the activities planned include taking part in the Remembrance Service on the Chapel Green on Thursday, as well as World Book Day on Friday.

The bulletin this week has information regarding our return to holding parent consultations in school and I ask you to read the information carefully below to help us ensure we hold these meetings as smoothly and as safely as we can.

Have a wonderful weekend.
Best wishes
Mrs Scanlon

Parent Teacher Consultations	All	Mrs Scanlon
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The parent/teacher consultations are being held after school next week on Monday 8th November and on Wednesday 10th November in the school hall.

Booking sheets have been available since before half term, however if you have yet to book a time to see your child's teacher, please telephone the school office to see what times are available.

In order to hold the meetings as safely as possible and in order to reduce the number of people in the hall during these meetings we are asking for these additional measures to be followed;

Please do not attend if you have any symptoms of Covid 19 or feel unwell. We will be happy to rebook your consultation over the phone if you are unable to attend.

Where possible, please can only one parent/carer from the same household attend the appointment.

Please arrive on time for your booked appointment time.

Entrance is through the hall door on the school drive.

Please wait outside the hall door until the teacher you are waiting to see is free. A member of staff will monitor arrivals/departures and direct you in to the hall once the teacher is free.

Once in the hall please wear a mask (unless exempt) and sanitise hands on arrival

Thank you for your co-operation while we aim to run these parent/teacher consultations as smoothly as possible.

Weekly Online Safety Update	All	Mr Getty
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SQUID GAMES

After being an unexpected success in terms of viewing figures, the Netflix show 'Squid Game's popularity is beginning to spread across various online platforms. There has been a slew of content created – ranging from memes to apps – that convey the violence of the show, so it is important for parents, carers and

educators to understand the basis of Squid Games and the potential risks to young people who might be exposed to it.

Please follow the link below to read more about this:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/wakeupwednesday/squid-game-trending-across-platforms-what-parents-need-to-know>

Dressing Up Request	All	Office
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As part of our work on providing different playground zones for the children to enjoy at lunchtimes, we are hoping to gather a bank of 'dressing-up' items to be used by the children. This might include full outfit/costumes, wigs, masks, or other safe items such as wings or soft material props. It would be lovely to get a range of sizes so that children of all ages can access this zone on days when it is set up.

If you have any items that you are happy to donate, we kindly ask that you bring them to the School Office.

Many thanks for your support!

Please note: we ask that you do not donate any prop weapons (e.g. toy swords) as we will not be able to use these.



East Sussex Courses	All	Office
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We shared a flyer full of Free courses for all parents from 'Open for Parents'. Unfortunately, the contact details have not been working, so anyone who may have tried to book a course, may not have got through. Please see the attached 'HHO email Parenting Guide' for updated information.

They can offer help and support directly to parents, **free of charge**, as part of East Sussex's Early Help 0-19 Services provision. They provide a variety of online parenting courses, each with specific tips to help deal with the most common behaviour problems. If you are interested in booking any courses, please take a look at the attached flyer for more Information.

Odd Socks Day	All	Mr Getty
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The national Anti-Bullying Week takes place the week of 15-19th November and St Mary's will be marking this week with class activities and a whole-school assembly. This year's theme is 'One Kind Word'.

On Monday 15th November, schools across the country will be kicking off the week with 'Odd Socks Day'. Therefore, **we are inviting children to wear a pair of odd socks of their choice on this day** (long/short, bright colours/patterned) as a visual reminder that we are all unique and the importance of respecting and valuing this.

We hope this week will build upon our recent work as part of our new initiative of termly 'T.E.A.M. Days' as well as the work we are doing across the school in RSHE lessons in educating our children about what bullying actually is and how it affects others over time.



School Meal Options	All	Office
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Chartwells, our school meals provider has ceased to offer baguettes during the winter months. This is to encourage children to have a hot meal during the winter months. Therefore, after our current supply of baguettes have been used, from the week beginning 15th November, baguettes will no longer be available. Pupils still have many options each day with a main, vegetarian, jacket potatoes and a tomato option. Please see the attached menu for a reminder. The menu is on a three-week cycle. Next week beginning 8th November is Week 1.

If your child has not tried school meals before, please review the menu choices to encourage them to try different meals. They are not committed to have the hot meal every day, they can bring in a packed lunch on the days where they may not prefer the choices. Meals are free to children in Reception, Year 1 and 2, currently funded by the Government. In Key Stage 2 the cost per day is £2.15 per day for a main meal and a dessert. The costs are payable online via ParentPay. If you do not already have a ParentPay account and your child wishes to start having school meals, please email the school office office@stmarysrc.e-sussex.sch.uk for an account activation letter with details of how to set up the account and pay for school meals.

Cake Sales	All	FSM
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We are still waiting detailed guidance to see if we can proceed with class cake sales with the new regulations for allergy information following rules introduced with Natasha' Law. We will hopefully be able to give further updates soon but for the moment, all previously advertised class cake sale dates are postponed. We are sorry for any disappointment his may cause.

School Photographs	All	Office
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The school photographer visited the school on Thursday and your child should have come home with a code with information about how to view and order their photos online.

We are also expecting the printed photo proofs to be delivered to school on Monday and these will be sent home with your child early next week. All ordering and payments must be made online through JP Photographic and orders placed before the deadline will be delivered free to the school. They usually allow 2 weeks to place orders Full details with the dates will be on the printed proof photo that you will receive next week.

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Attached Flyer re parenting courses