



St Mary's Catholic Primary School

School Bulletin

2020

SUBJECT	YEAR GROUPS RELEVANT TO	STAFF CONTACT
Another busy week.	All	Mrs Scanlon

It has been another busy week here at St Mary's.

The children continue to be enthusiastic and hardworking and it's a pleasure to see them enjoying themselves and trying their best at school every day. I asked some of our children from each class this morning what they had enjoyed learning about this week and they said the following:

Violet Class: 'Using an atlas to find out about geographical features and other key information about different countries'

Indigo Class: 'Taking part in Bikeability'

Blue Class: 'Science - investigating how eggs react in different liquids as part of their learning about Teeth'

Green Class: 'Science - looking at and making fossils'

Yellow Class: 'Planting carrots and beans, so they can watch how they grow'

Orange Class: 'The Great Fire of London – making model houses so they could find out what houses were like in 1666'

Red Class: 'Playing and learning about castles in their Castle Area'

There certainly is plenty of exciting and interesting learning happening throughout the school and clearly these were some of the highlights for some of our children this week. This is what I see as I walk around the school and visit each classroom and an example of this happened today when I went into Red Class. The children took me excitedly to their Castle area and proudly showed me around this space and told me all about what happens in a castle. It was great fun, lovely to participate in and very much learning in action!

I do hope you have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Scanlon

Proposed School Events/Dates after 21.6.21	All	Mrs Scanlon
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We are continuing to follow the National Lockdown roadmap and restrictions, as per government guidance; we are, however, now making plans as a school for events that may be able to go ahead, as the national restrictions are eased/removed by the government over the coming months.

We of course have ***no guarantee that these events will go ahead at this stage***, but wanted to give you prior notice of proposed events/dates if we are able to proceed with them in the future. We will of course confirm any dates/events once Government guidance allow us to do so.

Term 5	
May	
3.5.21	Bank Holiday – school closed
26.5.21	Violet class trip to Bowles – Activity Day
27.5.21	Last Day of Term 5 (3.15pm finish)
28.5.21	INSET Day - School closed to all pupils.
31.5.21 to 4-5-21	Half Term – School closed to all pupils
Term 6	

June	
7.6.21	First day of Term 6 for pupils
16.6.21	St Gregory's Catholic Secondary School - Open Event for Year 5 pupils and parents 8.55am to 12pm
21.6.21	RE Events week - Islam
21.6.21	Red and Violet Class. Groups Photos
July	
1.7.21	New Reception Class 2021 Transition - Make and Take (10-11am)
5.7.21	Secondary School Experience Day at St Gregory's for Indigo Class
Week of 6.7.21	Violet Class Transition Days pupils going to Beacon - Days TBC
8.7.21 & 9.7.21	Violet Class Transition Days for pupils going to St. Gregory's
9.7.21	Sports Day
12.7.21	INSET Day - School closed to all pupils.
14.7.21	New Reception Class 2021 Transition - Stay and Play (10-11am)
14.7.21 & 15.7.21	Violet/Indigo School Production (evenings)
16.7.21	Reserve Sports Day
23.7.21	Leavers Mass 9.30am
23.7.21	Last Day of Term (1pm finish)

Letter from ESCC Director of Public Health and children's Services	All	Mrs Scanlon
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Please read the attached letter from the ESCC Director of Public Health and Children's Services. It contains information about COVID testing for people in households with primary and secondary aged children or children under 5 who are going to nursery or to a childminder.

Bikeability	Year 5	Mrs Piper
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This week a number of pupils from Indigo class took part in Bikeability Training, provided by the East Sussex Cycle Training Team. We are all very proud of how responsible and mature they were this week. Their behaviour was a real credit to the school and they showed great listening skills. The participants were all rewarded with Level 2 Bikeability certificates today, which demonstrates that they have succeeded in demonstrating the skills required to cycle on the roads safely. Well done.

May Day Public Holiday	All	Office
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A reminder that school is closed on Monday 3rd May as it is the May Day Public Holiday.

Roblox	All	Mrs Morley
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Attached to this newsletter is a Guide for Parents about the online platform Roblox, for your information.

Thank you	All	Miss Heathcote
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Very dear St Mary's Children, Staff, Parents and Carers,

Thank you, thank you, thank you with all my heart for all the amazing, touching, lovely and humbling wishes and incredible gifts that you have given to me.

I received so many lovely things. Where I can I have thanked you individually but this has not been possible in all cases. To those of you whom I haven't been able to thank personally, please accept my deepest thanks for the so many perfectly chosen, very personal, delightful, totally apt, delicious and absolutely overwhelming presents. I feel so blessed.

I've loved being a part of Team St Mary's and have many treasured memories. For now, I truly do feel 'teached out.' But a final word to your children, always follow your dreams, you *can* reach the stars!

Goodbye and thank you
Miss Heathcote

Bags2School

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Friends of St Mary's

We have managed to book a date for **Bags2School on 22nd June**. We very much hope this can go ahead and so we would be very grateful for any donations you can keep until then. Bags2School have increased the list of items they now accept and the school receive a cheque based on the combined weight of all bags donated, so the more the merrier, collect as many as you can in a suitable bag. Further details will be communicated regarding collection nearer the time, so for now we ask you please to start collecting items and keeping them at home until nearer the time.

As you know, it's been extremely difficult to raise money for the school this year due to restrictions. We're very grateful for all your efforts so far in the few events we have managed to arrange, which has resulted in the Wild Play Area at school. Bags2School this is another great way to raise money for the school without asking families for any money!! For more information, please visit www.bag2school.com

Here is a list to get you started:

We accept the following '**good quality**' items for RE-USE*:

- Men's, Ladies' and Children's clothing
- Paired shoes (tied together or elastic band around)
- Handbags
- Hats
- Bags
- Scarves and ties
- Jewellery
- Lingerie
- Socks
- Belts
- Soft toys
- Household linen
- Household curtains
- Household towels
- Household bedding (bed sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers)

We **DO NOT** accept:

- *Duvets and blankets*
- *Pillows and cushions*
- *Carpets, rugs and mats (including bath, shower and toilet mats)*
- *Soiled, painted, ripped or wet clothing*
- *School uniforms with and without logo*
- *Corporate clothing and workwear*
- *Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material*

Many thanks
The Friends of St Mary's Team