



St Mary's Catholic Primary School School Bulletin

12th November 2021

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

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

Thank you for coming to our Parent/Carer consultation evenings and for following our guidance to keep the process as smooth and as safe as possible. It was wonderful to be able to welcome you all back into school once again which enabled you to hear about your child/children's progress and their next steps from their class teachers.

We were also pleased to be able to attend the Remembrance Service this week which was held on the Chapel Green on Thursday. Year 6 represented St Mary's at this service and Year 5 also led the whole school in a thoughtful and reflective liturgy in school to commemorate Remembrance Day.

Today has been a celebration of reading and the children have thoroughly enjoyed dressing up in a costume according to their class book themes. They have had great day – and it has been wonderful to hear about their favourite books and their enthusiasm for reading.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes
Mrs Scanlon

Weekly Online Safety Update	All	Mr Getty
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Zip it, Flag it, Block it!

At St Mary's, we are vigilant and conscious of the need to keep developing our practice around the ever-growing issue of online safety so that we can help fulfil our duty to keep all children safe.

As such, we have been implementing a new Computing approach since September, which Miss Morley has been teaching across Year One to Year Six. This new approach uses three key visuals to remind our pupils of basic principles for staying safe when using devices and the internet:



ZIP IT

Keep your personal stuff private and think about what you say and do online.



BLOCK IT

Block people who send nasty messages and don't open unknown links and attachments.



FLAG IT

Flag up with someone you trust if anything upsets you or if someone asks to meet you offline.

Over time, we hope that the children will become extremely familiar with these three principles and they will apply them in their online habits. We hope that by sharing these, the children will begin to apply the strategies both within school and at home.

Farewell to Mrs Foord	All	Mrs Scanlon
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We say farewell this week to our Lunchtime supervisor, Mrs Foord, who is leaving us next Tuesday to take up a new job opportunity locally. We thank her for all her hard work and service she has given over the past seven years supervising the children during the lunchtimes and in the hall, helping with their meals. We wish Mrs Foord well in her future career and we will all miss her.
Good luck Mrs Foord.

School Meals	All	Office
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Further to last weeks' notice, we confirm that the option of a baguette for school lunches has been removed for the winter months to encourage children to enjoy a hot meal at school.

If your child is in KS2 and has not previously ordered school meals, the cost is £2.10 per day and can be paid through ParentPay, a secure online payment system. Please contact the office if you need to activate your account.

My Health, My school survey	Key Stage 2	Mr Getty
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Please see attached survey that the children in Key Stage 2 (Years 3 to 6) will be asked to complete in school next week, for your information.

Telephones		
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Our office telephones are in the process of being replaced. The switch over date to the new system is scheduled from Monday. We have been told that there should be no loss in service, but if you experience any problems contacting the office by phone on Monday, please send an email instead to office@stmarysrc.e-sussex.sch.uk

The voice message that you hear when you call the school office will also change.

You will be given the following options;

Press 1 to speak to the office

Press 2 to report child's absence (Please leave full details of your child's name class and reason for absence).

Press 3 to report any changes to the end of day collection arrangements. (Please provide your child's name, the name of person collecting and the connection to the child.

Documents attached		
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My Health, My School Survey letter