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Newsletter—week ending 11th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to our usual weekly newsletter and welcome to all of our new families who joined us in Nursery, Reception and Year 1.

Today I did my first Zoom assembly to all of the classrooms and announced our stars of the week - well done to you all!

To enable us to meet the children's needs, we will be carrying out assessments with the children over the next couple of weeks so we can generate a baseline of where they are at in their learning, given the time out of school. This will enable teachers to plan to meet their individual needs. We will also be putting in place catch up and interventions in the next couple of weeks. You will be informed about any catch up programmes your child may be on. Alongside this, please be assured fun and wellbeing are still high priorities for us so this will still be a focus on daily basis.

Reading homework will start again next week. At the remote parents meetings next week, homework for the year will be discussed and explained to you all. To enable us to cater for all families including those who are isolating at home and to plan ahead for any local lock downs, homework will all be online. These online platforms can be monitored and children can be supported and set challenges individually.

As you can not see teachers on the playground, if you have any questions please do email [info@](mailto:info@stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sch.uk) and your email will be forwarded onto the teachers.

Any minor first aid incidents or news from the day that the teacher would normally share with you on the playground will be shared using Marvellous Me, so please make sure that you have registered for this app.

We have put posters up around the school to remind the children about being good 'COVID Warriors' and we have included it in this newsletter for you to see. All information about COVID (risk assessment, planning and policies) will be appearing on the school website over the next couple of weeks for your reference.

From next week, children who are allowed to walk home by themselves can choose which gate they would like to leave by. Please discuss this as a family so the children know which gate you would like them to leave by on Monday onwards.

I have spoken to Public Health England today and requested that head teachers be updated about COVID symptoms and when children need to get a test. There is much conflicting information from different sources but as a school, we are required to follow what PHE (Public Health England) say. With colds and tummy bug season coming up, I have asked which cold symptoms specifically require the child to stay home and which require a test. I will update you as soon as I have the information but for now thank you for keeping poorly people at home and to those families who have had a test or waiting to get a test.

Thank you again for all of your support and patience.

Have a great weekend! Jacque Chambers



Pupil Premium Funding

We understand that financial situations may have changed significantly for some families with the current COVID-19 situation. As a school we are able to support our pupil premium families by applying for funding to support your finances with Government issued supermarket vouchers on a weekly basis (term time only) during the school closure. Each pupil premium entitled child is entitled to a £15 per week supermarket gift voucher.

If you think that you may be eligible for the support please email: info@stmarys-byfleet.surrey.sch.uk at your earliest convenience providing your National Insurance Number (each parent if applicable) and your permission for us to check your eligibility on your behalf. Please see application form for details required. This can be found on our website, alternatively we can email a copy to you.

We would love to support you if we can!

Criteria of Eligibility for Pupil Premium – Do either parent’s receive any of the following?

- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker’s Allowance (IBJSA)
- Income related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA)
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190- **N.B. If you receive Working Tax Credit you DO NOT qualify even if you receive Child Tax Credit and your income is below £16,190**
- Working Tax Credit ‘run on’ – Paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.
- Universal Credit.
- Looked After Children (LAC), ie in the care of, or provided with accommodation by an English local authority.
- If your child ceased to be looked after by the local authority because of adoption, a special guardianship order, a child arrangement order or a residence order?
- If either or both parents are regular members of HM Forces?

Application for Pupil Premium will not affect any financial support you are already receiving.

Earrings/PE

For our new parents/carers to the school, if your child has their ears pierced, they can only take part in their PE lessons if they can remove the earrings themselves.

Children are not permitted to cover earrings in plasters and staff are not able to remove the earrings for the child.

Thank you for your support.

ST MARY'S COVID WARRIORS



WE WASH AND SANITISE OUR HANDS!

When we come into school!



When we enter our classroom!

Before we go out to play!

Before we eat our snacks and lunch!

Before we go home!



CATCH IT

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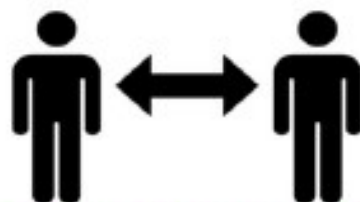
WASH IT

WE STAY IN OUR BUBBLES

WE COUGH AND SNEEZE



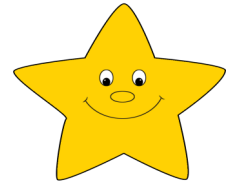
INTO OUR SLEEVES!



WE KEEP OUR DISTANCE



Star of the Week



Cheetahs: Finley - for always being ready to learn and enthusiastic.

Panthers: Nate - for some incredible independent writing with superb sounding out.

Lions: Jack R - for being a fantastic St Mary's learner on his first week back.

Tigers: Daisy - For always having a smile on her face and putting great effort into everything she does.

Polar Bears: Zac - for being so enthusiastic in class and sharing his ideas confidently.

Pandas: Jac C - for settling in quickly, following the rules and being so sensible.

Elephants: Finley - for using great scientific vocabulary in his animal description.

Hippos: Caden - for showing such wonderful manners.

Kangaroos: Finley R - for confidently sharing his reasoning in Maths all week.

Giraffes: Callie - for taking lots of care in her work and being engaged in all learning.

Chimps: James - for contributing so many thoughtful ideas throughout the week.

Lemurs: Abilash - for always following instructions and showing that he is ready to learn.

TTRS Superstars

Year 3 & 4

Ra'Id - Elephants

Erin - Hippos

Alp - Hippos

Year 5 & 6

Molly H - Kangaroos

Igor - Lemurs

James - Chimps

Dates for your Diary

(New dates in bold)

26 - 30/10/20

Half Term

18/12/20

End of Term - 1pm finish

04/01/21

INSET Day

05/01/21

Start of Spring Term

02/02/21

Individual School Photographs