



St Mary's C of E Primary School

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Newsletter—week ending 18th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you have all had a good week.

Teaching and Learning

As you will have seen in the September plan, that was circulated to parents and that is on the school website, the classroom looks and works differently given the restrictions we have to adhere to.

The team are getting used to how to teach from a distance in school and we are finding new and creative ways to deliver the curriculum. Teachers will still be teaching to meet the needs of each child. Even though the children are in set seats, for the week for Track and Trace purposes, the children do move outside of the classroom to work in distanced groups to ensure we can still 'target teach' where needed. Within the classroom 'split inputs' where different groups have something taught to them or modelled to them to meet their specific next step, are still taking place as this is firmly rooted in what we do so no child feels left behind and struggling and no child is bored and not challenged. Despite the restrictions we are adapting how we do this in the classroom to ensure it happens.

We will be holding parents evenings this term as usual. However, sadly we are not allowed to invite you in to school for these meetings but we will be holding individual zoom meetings or phone calls with you. There will be more details coming out soon. They will be in October as usual and you will still get a progress report as you have done previously.

Open Days Cancelled

Schools are not allowed to hold Open Day events this year and so we are in the process of planning virtual events. I am planning to create a video that includes interviews with staff, parents and children and also footage of the grounds and facilities here at school. I will be needing some volunteers so if you are up for being part of the video, that will be sent to parents and put on our website, please let the school office know. I will need some children to be a part of it as well. We will be sending home permission slips to the parents of those children who are willing to be in the video.

Reminders

Morning drop off - there are set gates for your family surname or year groups - please adhere to this.

Afternoon pick up - parents can choose which gate they collect from.

At all times - we ask that you follow the one way system and please respect peoples space and leave 2m distance between each other. As you will be aware from the media, cases have been on the rise so we all need to be extra vigilant so please, please keep your distance. Please hang back, spread out and be aware of those around you.

I would like to avoid having to stagger pick up times which would mean waiting times of at least 20 minutes between collection of siblings so please help us by adhering to the social distancing rules.

Thank you in advance for your support with this.

We have had some calls from parents saying they have heard on the grapevine that we have positive cases of COVID in school. This is not true. Please be assured if we have a positive case in school you will be informed. We have had several children with COVID symptoms and many poorly people but no positive test results.

Thank you all for ongoing support and cooperation through these tricky times.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Chambers



Online Safety—Houseparty App

At St Mary's we are committed to keeping your child safe whilst in school and online. It is important that when they are using the internet, that they stay safe. Your child should never give out any personal information such as their full name, address or phone number when they are online, no matter who they think they are talking to.

It has been brought to our attention that some children have recently been accessing the 'Houseparty' app at home. As this a new app that has become fairly popular since the beginning of lockdown, I wanted to make you aware of this app and its features.

'Houseparty' is an app which allows users to join a group video call with up to eight other people at once.

Users must be 13 years old and above in order to create a 'Houseparty' account.

You can find information about privacy settings, and other key safety features of 'Houseparty' using the following link: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/what-%E2%80%A6houseparty-guide-parents-and-carers>.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this app, or any others, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you

Miss Roberts

NHS Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Please remember to complete the consent link on the letter emailed on Wednesday.

Flu Vaccinations will be held on the 8th & 9th December.

Should you have any questions or queries, please contact the Surrey Immunisations team directly:

Tel: 01483 728201 ext: 377

Email: csh.sur-schoolimmswest@nhs.net

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. Should your family find themselves having to self-isolate and if you are in receipt of Pupil Premium Free School Meals, please contact the school office if you wish to make arrangements for a meal provision.

Please note this does not apply to Universal Free School Meals.

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.



Star of the Week



Moles: Molly - for being a good friend and settling in well.

Rabbits: Ben for being such a kind and helpful member of the class!

Hedgehogs: Genny - for super tidying up and being happy and settled in school all week!

Cheetahs: Juli - for her enthusiasm towards her learning and always completing what she is asked to do.

Panthers: Teo - for a fantastic first week in Panthers class, you fit right in and we love having you here with us!

Lions: Mason - for doing brilliant writing.

Tigers: Patrick - for always working hard and sharing interesting facts with the class.

Polar Bears: Reid - for always following instructions and excellent listening

Pandas: Scotty - for consistently working hard this week and remaining focused. Well done!

Elephants: Harriet - For doing a wonderful job with her printing in art.

Hippos: MJ - for his constant kindness and helpfulness.

Kangaroos: Isabella - for always putting 100% effort into everything you do!

Giraffes: Jay - for always having excellent manners and being kind to others!

Chimps: Sophia - for coming to school every day with a smile on your face and a positive attitude - you light up the room!

Lemurs: Evie - for being an excellent role model to others by always showing she is ready to learn.

TTRS Superstars

Year 2 : Chloe R - Tigers

Niamh - Tigers

Mustafa - Tigers

Year 3 & 4: Jeanine - Elephants

Anna - Elephants

Ra'Id - Elephants

Year 5 & 6: Llewellyn - Lemurs

James - Chimps

Melissa - Chimps

Dates for your Diary

(New dates in bold)

26 - 30/10/20

Half Term

08 & 09/12/20

Flu Immunisations

18/12/20

End of Term - 1pm finish

04/01/21

INSET Day

05/01/21

Start of Spring Term

10/02/21

Individual School Photographs (date changed from 2/2/21)