



St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 10th September 2021

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*Happy are those who hear the word of God
and keep it' Luke 11:28*

Dear Parent/Carer,

We reach the end of our first week back at school and have been blessed by some wonderful sunshine as we start our new school year together as a family.

It has been fantastic to welcome pupils back for the new school year and may I thank you, our families for ensuring pupils look so smart.

Canon Adrian shares with us a special prayer for the start of the School Year....

Heavenly Father,
We ask you to bless us as we begin a new school year. Give us your gifts of joy, hope and zeal. May everything we do and experience be for your glory and our eternal happiness.
We make this prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Our full Uniform details can be found on our school website should you have any questions/ or need clarity. May we remind families that pupils should have long hair tied back and hair accessories must be in school colours. All pupils require a full PE kit in school each day. Bang Bang Uniform suppliers are now able to deliver any school uniform items to school for collection and you can simply pay over the phone. Bang Bang are the stockists of our staff and pupil hoody- pupil hoodies are priced at £14.99. They also stock all other uniform items. Should you require this service, just ask in the office.

As I have shared previously, it is important that when we relax any measures we do so in a manner that considers that many people have different comfort levels - adults and pupils alike. We have slowly built up interactions between pupils - shared lunches, shared playtimes etc. and we continue to ensure that the safety and wellbeing of all remains our

priority. Sadly we still see many cases of Coronavirus both locally and nationally and as such we must continue to work in partnership to reduce the spread. As Schools we are still seeing many cases.

We would remind families that wherever possible, only 1 adult drops off or collects to reduce the number of adults on the yard. Please avoid coming into the School Office unless absolutely necessary. We have a maximum number of 3 adults in this area for safety and would ask that you continue to maintain social distancing.

If pupils are travelling on the school bus they are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering on this dedicated transport service.

To help us reduce gatherings and congestion particularly at collection time, we would ask families to wait in the same lining up point that pupils stand at in a morning.

To provide clarity, please see below some Frequently Asked Questions in regard to Coronavirus

My child has Coronavirus symptoms what should I do?

Telephone the School Office to advise your child will not be attending as they are symptomatic and book a PCR test at a test centre. Once this result is returned share this with school via email. If the test is negative and the pupil remains well they may return to school.

We do not have to isolate anymore do we?

Bubbles at school are removed and as such, if your child has been in contact with a positive person at school, the whole Bubble will no longer be required to isolate for 10 days. All 'Close Contacts' will be required to take a PCR test and, if this is negative, they may return to school.

NHS Track and Trace will work with families to identify 'Close Contacts'. I would strongly encourage you to liaise with school so we can support you with this and reduce the spread. As you will appreciate staff will be best placed to identify pupils who have sat together, played together etc. etc.

Someone in my household is positive. Can my child attend school?

We would require the pupil to seek a PCR test and share this result with school via email. If the pupil is negative please remember that this is a negative result at the point of the test and your child could still develop Coronavirus within the Isolation period. We would strongly encourage a daily Lateral Flow Test and ask families to reflect upon the risks to other pupils and staff within school. We want to work in partnership to ensure we keep each other safe and are grateful for your support.

Welcome to our School Family

It has been lovely to welcome some new members to our School Family and we are delighted to welcome; Jade, Chloe, Ava, Robert, William, Meredith, Oliver, Jaymin, Roisin,

Klara, Amelia, Sandra, Edward, Maisie and Esmee to Class 1. We are looking forward to watching them learn and grow!

We also extend a warm welcome to Mrs. Dewhurst in our School Office who will be part of our School family whilst Mrs. Lofthouse recovers from her surgery. Mrs. Lofthouse is doing well and says hello!

Mr. Catterall has also joined us as a Class Teacher for Class 3 and we are grateful to have his smiley face as part of the Team!

Summer Reading Bingo

Thank you to everyone for taking part in our Summer Bingo Challenge. We hope you enjoyed it!! We awarded 6 lucky winners this week with their prizes

Breakfast Club and After School Club

Breakfast clubs and After School clubs are back up and running and it has been lovely to see lots of faces having fun and enjoying some delicious snacks with Miss. Harrison.

Should you wish to book on please contact either Miss. Harrison or Mrs. Dewhurst in our office and they will issue a booking form.

Breakfast club runs from 7.45 am and is priced at £3.50 (drink and breakfast included)

Late Pick up runs from 3.15 -3.45 pm and is priced at £3.00 (drink and snack included)

Full After School club runs from 3.15 -5.30 pm and is priced at £7.00 (drink and snack included)

Extra Curricular clubs- Begin w.c. 13.9.21

Letters have been circulated for the After School Extra Curricular clubs led by our coaches. All clubs run from 3.15 until 4.00 pm. We ask that pupils ensure they have appropriate kit and footwear and an extra drink. We expect that all pupils are committed to attending every week or places will be offered to a pupil on the waiting list. Thank you for supporting us with this.

See Saw App

Thank you to all our families for your commitment to the See Saw App and the positive feedback you have shared. We now have the vast majority of families signed up on See Saw. All pupils have been issued with a letter and QR codes to enable you to download this free App.

The purpose of the See Saw App is to share snapshots of your child's learning. Pictures, samples of work etc. and celebrate pupils in times where we are still reducing visitors into school for safety.

As you will appreciate, the most important thing our staff will do is spend time with your children helping them learn and grow and as such we will not necessarily share pictures or messages each day.

If you wish to contact school/ staff for an urgent matter, for example to advise a different person is collecting, to book into late pick up, to advise a pupil will need to use the school bus etc. these messages must go through the School Office and not via the App. As staff are teaching they may not pick up any messages sent through See Saw until a later point.

Staff are always available at the start and end of the school day and as ever can be reached via email. Staff emails are highlighted below for clarity.

Class	Teacher	Email
1	Mrs Williams	williams@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk
	Mrs. Jennings	Jennings@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk
2	Mrs. Sullivan	Sullivan@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk
	Mrs. Brogden	Head@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk
3	Mr. Catterall	Catterall@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk
4	Mr. Taylor	Taylor@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk

School Meals

All Pupils have brought home a Menu yesterday in regard to School Meals, which outlines the meal choices on a 3 week cycle. This menu will start on Monday 13th September 2021- Week 1. Please take the time to share this with pupils so they can select what they would like each day.

If you would like your child to book a school meal they are priced at £2.65 per day. If you child is in Year Reception, One or Two or is eligible for free school meals the school meal is provided for free.

Parents/ Carers –Telephone Consultations – September

We will soon be offering our Autumn Parents/ Carers Morning sessions in the form of telephone consultations.

The purpose of this Autumn Parents/ Carers call is to let you know how your Child(ren) have settled in to their classes as well as provide ideas of how you can support them at home. This will also give you the chance to ask any questions or queries.

The sessions are only 5 minutes, but we would like to remind families that we offer an 'Open Door Policy', and Staff are always available at the start and end of the day as well as via the email addresses shared above. The Parents session time slots are included below. Please call our school Office to book an appointment.

Class	Date of Parents morning phone calls	Calls by...
1	23.9.21	Mrs. Jennings
2	28.9.21	Mrs. Sullivan and Mrs. Brogden
3	27.9.21	Mr. Catterall
4	29.9.21	Mr. Taylor

Reading Books in school- Can you help us ???

We are trying hard to fund raise to buy more readings books for school. We are looking for sponsors and ideas to add lots of phonetically decodable books that will benefit every single child in school!! As a school, we have identified Phonics and reading as a key area that our pupils need support in following chunks of Home learning and Lock downs, and as such want to bring lots of new and exciting books into school for every pupil to enjoy!!!

We will hold a Non Uniform day on **Thursday 16th September - £1.00** to our School book fund!

If you think your work place may consider sponsoring a 'Book Band' Please do get in touch- Book bands are priced from £79 to £150 depending on the amount of book in each colour band

We would also invite families to '**Sponsor a Book**' for **£5.00** and we would put a special sponsorship thank you inside the book!! A special letter has been sent out with families today!! If Grandparents or other family members would like to Sponsor a book please just ask for an additional copy/copies as required.

Thank you, as ever for your support!

Dates for your diary:

Monday 13 th September	-	Reception pupils photograph- Lancashire Evening Post
Thursday 16 th September	-	Own clothes day £1.00 to support us to buy books!
Monday 27 th September	-	School Council Election process
Friday 1 st October	-	School Council voting!
Monday 4 th October	-	Family and Individual photographs from 8.30 am
		Tempest Photography

Celebrations Awards

	Achievement Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Isaac Aya	Maisie Wilson	William McMillan
Class 2	Nabila Malek	Jessica Moore	Jamie Bass
Class 3	Dante Lewis	Lillianna Conway	Lillianna Conway
Class 4	Chloe Gildea	Callum Tennant	Byron Chambers

At St. Mary's School we

"Live our lives as Jesus taught us,

Work hard together to achieve our best,

Respect each other and the world around us,

Have fun and enjoy learning!"

