



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

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

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you very much for your generosity with the wonderful donations we received for our Harvest Hampers. These items are being stored ready to be made into Hampers which will be given out to those in need of a little support over the half term holidays and will support families in our Local area.



If you would like to order a Harvest Hamper in confidence, this can be done by emailing [head@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk) or calling school on 01772 729881.

We thank you for your continued support with dropping off pupils at the start of the school day. Pupils must be dropped off and left with the adult on duty this is to prevent any gatherings and ensure we maintain Social Distancing. If Grandparents/ other family members drop off please ensure this message is shared.

We continue to work hard to ensure school is a safe place by following the guidance and Risk Assessments we have. We thank you for continuing to support us. As ever full

guidance can be found at:-

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/coronavirus-updates/coronavirus-restrictions-in-lancashire/>

Please read the updated guidance on 'Child Care Bubbles' which should only be made between 2 households and travelling.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-covid-alert-level-very-high?priority-taxon=774cee22-d896-44c1-a611-e3109cce8eae#childcare>

## **Big School Adventures begins 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

Our First Big School Adventures session will run from Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of November from 1.15 -3.15 pm. As ever, safety is of paramount importance so pre booking for the session is essential and numbers will be strictly limited.

We would ask that pupils bring wellies, a waterproof suit in a carrier bag and wear suitable clothing for sports activities ( e.g. track suit, trainers) .

The first hour of the session will be led by a professional coach who specialises in Pre-School and Early Years sports activities. The second session pupils will be 'Outdoor Explorers' and complete Forest School type activities.

Big School Adventure children will be greeted by a staff member, supported to wash their hands and brought through to the classroom for the fun to begin!!

To book a place or for more details please contact us on 01772 729881

## **Bags in school.**

As per previous newsletters, for the safety and wellbeing of all we are working to reduce the amount of items that travel between Home and School. Pupils do not at present require bags in school. No items from home such as stationery should be brought in. All pupils are provided with individual resources. Pupils will require coats, a water bottle and are welcome to bring a personal sanitiser gel into school. Only water is permitted in drinking bottles and we ask that water bottles have a sports cap.

## **Lunches and Snacks**

School continues to offer two choices of lunches every day, full menus can be found on the school website on the home page (link to the Menus are on the left hand side).

For break time snacks it is school policy that pupils have a healthy snack only, such as a piece of fruit. Chocolate and crisps are **not** permitted.

For Packed lunches brought in from home, school policy is that lunches are healthy and balanced. Pupils should not have fizzy pop and/ or large chocolate bar and / or packets of sweets. Thank you for continuing to work in partnership.

## **Extra curricular clubs**

As I have previously shared, we have had a number of enquiries in regard to the After School Club and when this may re-open. Whilst I appreciate that is very difficult for some families not to have this provision we have to be guided by Government and County Council advice and at present, as you will be aware, Locally, Preston is classified as Tier 3. It is therefore imperative we take all the safety measures we can....A key measure being that we cannot cross Bubbles, so at present we cannot run our After School Club. We will, as ever, keep you updated.

After half term we will offer 'Bubble' clubs. These clubs will be delivered by professional coaches and each class 'Bubble' will be given the chance to attend a club. Each class has been given the opportunity to vote for the sport they would like.

### **ONLY MEMBERS OF THE CLASS BUBBLE CAN ATTEND THE SESSION. PUPILS CANNOT JOIN OTHER CLASSE'S CLUBS**

	Class Bubble offered to	Club	Led by
Monday	4	Football	AFC Fylde
Tuesday	1	Dance	Rachel - Step By Step
Wednesday	3	Hockey	AFC Fylde
Thursday	2	Gymnastics	AFC Fylde

**If we do not get sufficient interest we will be unable to run the clubs. To indicate your wish for your child to take part in a club please email your child's class Teacher.**

All clubs will run until 4.00 p.m.

## **Important Safety Advice**

We have asked families NOT to allow pupils to play on the grassed area in front of Church. This is out of respect given the fact the Nuns may be in prayer and to ensure pupils do not cross Bubbles.

- Pupils/ family members should not enter school grounds if they demonstrate ANY symptoms
- Bubbles open at 8.45 and 9.00 am and close at 3.00 and 3.15 pm. Please adhere strictly to times. We cannot be flexible in these times.
- At collection time only one adult should enter the school grounds
- Should you need to contact a staff member please email/ telephone school
- Please park on the Smith's Arms pub and walk down to school at your allocated time
- Please wait in the car, when possible, until your child's Bubble time
- Do not gather around the school grounds and remember Social Distancing
- **Once your child has been received into the playground we ask families to leave the school area rather than waiting to wave pupil in- This is for everyone's safety**
- Pupils are not permitted to play on the equipment before or after school

## **Admissions September 2020**

Do you have a child due to start school in September 2021? Or do you know someone who has?

The application for school places is now open and can be found on the Lancashire County Council Website

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place>

Choosing the right school for your child is of great importance and we understand the value of finding the right environment for your child. As you would expect, safety is of paramount importance to us and to this end we are not able to hold our traditional 'Open Evening'.

We will be holding a block of 'Open Days' w/c 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020. We will be offering bookable slots in a Covid secure environment outside of school hours. All visits will be strictly by appointment only and appointments will be offered from 4.00 - 5.30 pm. Should you require any additional information or to book an appointment please feel free to contact myself or Mrs. Lofthouse

Why not check out or share our Virtual Tour on the school Homepage.  
<https://www.lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk>

## **Free School Meals – Absence from school due to COVID-19**

If your child is absent from school due to COVID-19, and they are currently eligible for free schools meals based on the household income, the school kitchen will be able to provide a packed lunch for your child. You will need to request this by contacting the school office by 9.30 a.m. each morning a lunch is required. You will need to make arrangements for the lunch to be collected at 11.30 a.m. from outside the school entrance.

	<b><u>E.A.T Award</u></b> <b><u>Explore, Be Active and Think creatively</u></b>	<b><u>Achievement Award</u></b>
Class 1	Louisa Nelson	Meeya Patel
Class 2	Nicholas Bielas Barnes	Thomas Yates
Class 3	Finney Griffiths	Jack Spickett
Class 4	Millie Yates	Jensen Swann

*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!"*

