



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

**Newsletter – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

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

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have had a lovely first week back together enjoying some sunshine in our first week of the Summer term. I hope you all managed to enjoy a nice Easter break as a family.

Once again the children continue to make us proud as they accept and adapt to our routines and systems such as Bubble restrictions. Whilst we have moved into the next stage of the 'Road Map out of Lock Down' as outlined by the Government, it remains important that all our additional safety measures are in place so we can continue to keep each other safe, minimise spread and ultimately keep the school open and safe for all. I thank you for your continued support and co-operation.

## **School Dinner- Important information**

From Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 it will be necessary to increase the cost of our school meals from £2.20 per day to £2.35. We have not increased the cost of meals for a considerable time and as the rising costs are passed on to us this small increase is unavoidable. Pupils in Key Stage One (Years - Reception, One and Two) will continue to be entitled to a daily universal free school meal as will pupils eligible for Free School meals.

At present, due to the current imposed Bubble restrictions meals are served in classes. As the guidance and availability around disposables changes we will return to eating meals in the hall from w/c 26.4.21. Be assured we will still follow all our stringent safety procedures and pupils will remain within their class Bubble only. This will of course involve a longer, rotating dinner service to ensure smooth transitions but will not reduce the amount of curriculum time.

The Summer menu should soon be launched and once made available to us it will be shared on the school website. Eating in the hall will further extend the variety of foods we are able to offer and will also enable particularly some of our younger pupils, the chance to develop

certain key skills they have not necessarily have chance to practice such as carrying their own trays, using metal cutlery and collecting their own drink so we expect some spills and spills on jumpers!!..... Please bear with us!!

Pupils choosing to have a packed lunch will also join their class Bubbles in the hall.

## **Confirmation 13.7.21**

Canon Adrian has informed school that it is planned that Confirmation will take place on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at St. Andrew and Blessed George Haydock Church, Cottam. For further information or to put your child forward please collect a form from Church or contact Canon Adrian for further information.

## **Communion**

At present we have not got a confirmed date for the First Holy Communion. It is planned that those pupils who were already on their Sacramental journey prior to Lockdown will resume classes first with additional Covid secure measures as soon as it is safe to do so. Ela Wort, as Leader, will share information in due course.

The Current Year 3 cohort who have not yet begun any preparation sessions will follow and again. As soon as we have further information, dates etc. we will share this with you.

## **IMPORTANT - Face Coverings**

We politely remind all family members that the wearing of face coverings is required at drop off and collection times. This is shared in our schools reopening document (on our website) and forms part of our Risk Assessment.

It is often not possible to pass each other safely on the footpaths etc. and maintain social distancing. This measure is necessary to keep each other safe and keep school open!

If members of your family, support or childcare Bubble drop off/ collect please do pass this important message on.

If you have a medical exception please indicate this to a staff member.

## **Uniform and PE Kits- Summer Uniform reminder**

As we start our new school term please help us to look as smart as ever by wearing full school uniform. Hair accessories, bobbles, headbands etc. must be small and in school colours only. Trainers may not be worn as uniform and are only permitted for lunchtimes and/ or outdoor PE sessions.

For outdoor PE lessons pupils may wear Navy Zip up tops and/or jogging bottoms. These should be plain and free from large logos.

As the warmer weather returns pupils may of course choose to wear our summer uniform and a reminder of the summer uniform is detailed below;

Boys: T-shirt, Jumper and dark grey tailored shorts and sensible black footwear (not trainers)

Girls: Pale blue checked summer dress, cardigan and sensible black footwear (not trainers)

Hairstyles to be sensible not dyed, shaved or tramlines for boys and for girl's hair accessories –headbands and bobbles must be small and in school colours only.

Should you require any further information please contact a staff member.

### **Bubble Clubs 3.15 – 4.00 p.m.**

Bubble Clubs will continue to run and places must have been booked in advance. Pupils will need a full PE kit to take part.

**We ask that once pupils take up a place as numbers are limited they commit to attending every week. If pupils do not attend regularly the place will be offered to a pupil on the waiting list. We thank you for your co-operation.**

### **Big School Adventures**

Big School adventures takes place every Thursday from 1.15 -3.15 pm with rigid safety measures in place as previously.

**Numbers are strictly limited and places must be pre booked.**

Should you require any further information or to book a place please call 01772 729881.

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### **Parking – Please use the Smiths Arm's Pub carpark**

Please could we remind families not to park on the Church grounds. We have had some complaints that families have parked blocking driveways of local residents or in such a manner that makes passing safely very difficult.

We ask that families park on the Smith Arms pub carpark and walk down. Please help us to keep each other safe and be considerate of local residents.

Our local PCSO will be making visits to check on parking safety, your co-operation and understanding is greatly appreciated.

## Celebrations Awards

	<b>Achievement Award Winner</b>	<b>'EAT' Award Winner</b> <b>Explore, Active, think creatively</b>
Class 1	Keon Bruney	Joey Farley
Class 2	Deondre Thompson	Joe O'Donnell
Class 3	Finney Griffiths	Penny Robinson
Class 4	Mikey Skeffington	Millie Yates

*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!"

