



# St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter – Friday 25th June 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 another week in school as we move quickly towards the end of the school year. It is always a very busy last half term with so many different events and celebrations.

Last week I shared that the Government has made the decision that we pause at step 3 of the Road Map about of Lockdown and detailed the impact this would have on us as a school. The key message being we must continue with all the measures we have in place – Bubbles, restricting visitors on site etc.

Sadly I continue to hear very frequently from colleagues in other schools about Bubble/Multiple Bubbles closures at their schools and it is imperative we remain vigilant and work in partnership to prevent the spread of Covid – 19.

I remind families that we ask you to drop pupils at their designated Bubble Times (8.45 am Key Stage two and 9.00 am Key stage one). Once your child is on the coloured spot we ask that you return to your car. This is to ensure we prevent gathering and ensure appropriate 'Social Distancing'.

Once again, thank you for helping us work together to keep everyone safe and to keep school open!

## **Breakfast Clubs and After School Club. – INTREST form sent**

We are still required and advised by both the Government guidance and DFE guidance that we must continue with all current measures such as Bubbles and number restrictions. It therefore will not be possible to resume these provisions at present.

I recognise this can provide additional challenges for families and that other, larger schools may be able to offer these extensions to the school day. As a small school we simply do not have the staffing levels to make this possible once more we will update you as to our future plans.

**Every Pupil has received an INTREST form so we can plan ahead from September if the Government guidance permits us to resume these clubs. Please return these forms to school at your earliest convenience to enable us to plan ahead.**

As ever, we will keep you fully updated!

## **Parking and Pupil Safety- Important**

Earlier this week I sent Text reminders regarding parking around school. We have asked that families do not double park outside school. Not only does this make it very difficult for other vehicles particularly the school bus to pass it poses a safety risk to families.

Please park on the Smiths Arms Pub car park and walk down to collect pupils this is the safest option. PCSO's will make unannounced spot checks and staff members will monitor parking.

If you are waiting for a 'Bubble' to open having dropped a sibling off we do ask families to return to and wait in their car- this prevents gatherings and ensures pupils and families can pass safely on the pathways. When a number of families gather to talk or wave to pupils other families are having to step into the road to pass and as you will appreciate this is extremely dangerous.

We have also seen on a number of occasion's pupils running across the road to greet family members/ friends and/or play. We have also seen sometimes pupils being dropped off on the wrong side of the road too – I must ask for your support with this as it poses a significant risk. Traffic from the village, school traffic and tractors etc. in this area can make the road very busy and we have a duty of care to ensure all pupils are safe.

At collection times pupils WILL NOT be released to family members waiting in the car or standing on the other side of the road. Pupils must be collected safely from school grounds from staff members.

I would ask if another member of your Support Bubble or Childcare Bubble is collecting you relay this safety information to them.

Thank you for your understanding and co-operation in advance.

## **Preparing for Forest Schools – Thank you!!**

On Thursday a group of volunteers braved the nettles and weeds to help us prepare the outdoor area for our fabulous Canopy for 'Forest School'.

The area is already looking much better and we are on with our fundraising having just enjoyed a wear Forest Colours or dress as a Woodland animal raising an impressive £88.00 towards are highly ambitious target of £1000!!!



Please help us to work towards this total through our Sponsored run which will be held next Friday 2nd July! Please collect as many sponsors as you can...every penny helps!!!

## **Uniform**

In order to provide you with very early information our School uniform will be changing from September 2022. Over the coming weeks and months I will keep you fully updated and share with you samples of what our new uniform will be like. It is my intention to ensure we have one clear, consistent uniform creating a smarter image for St. Mary's school. This in turn creates a sense of pride and promotes the high expectations for our pupils. At the moment pupils should continue to wear the uniform as detailed on our website and should be in summer uniform.

Pupils are reminded that long hair should be tied back and hair accessories must be small and in school colours only. **Trainers are not permitted unless individual permission has been sought (e.g. a temporary measure on medical grounds).**

**At this point of the school year ALL pupils should be wearing summer uniform**

**New Item.....**'Bang Bang' Uniform Suppliers now stock a navy PE Hoody priced at £14.99 .....Perfect for outdoor PE sessions and as we move towards Forest Schools status. Also if you spend £40.00 at 'Bang Bang' on uniform you will receive 25% Discount!

## **Holy Communion**

Class 3 enjoyed a Communion 'Bubble Breakfast' enjoying croissants to celebrate having made their First Holy Communion last night!!



## **Holy Communion – New Sessions**

If your child is in Year 3 or above and you would be like your child to make their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion a meeting will be held for Parents/ Carers at St. Andrew and Blessed George Haydock Church, Cottam on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> of July at 7.00pm  
For further details please contact Ela Wort – email [cottamsvp@outlook.com](mailto:cottamsvp@outlook.com)

## **Big School Adventures**

Big School adventures will resume from October as the remaining sessions form the Induction for the new Reception intake.

## Dates for your diary:

- Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June - World Faiths Week – Islam – POSTPONED to be rescheduled when visitors are permitted
- Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Sponsored Fun Run – Sponsor form has been sent out
- Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July - Life Education Van – All classes/Bubble Covid Secure sessions
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July- Year 6 Leavers sessions –by invitation only
- Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July - Sports day- In class Bubbles- Shared via ‘See Saw’

## Celebrations Awards

	<b>Achievement Award Winner</b>	<b>‘EAT’ Award Winner Explore, Active, think creatively</b>	<b>Welfare Award Winner</b>
Class 1	Keon Bruney	Darcey Chambers	Meeya Patel
Class 2	Max Scudamore	Noah Foxall-Holmes	Rosie Robinson
Class 3	Rowan Hawkins	James Picking	Felicity Pye
Class 4	All Of Class 4	Hannah Griffiths	Mason Dixon

*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!”

