

St. Mary's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 28th January 2022

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

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for your ongoing support with our current increase in cases of Covid-19 within school. I fully appreciate it can put an extra burden on families to have to complete LFT's and email the results into school each day. This is a measure necessary to try and prevent further spread, keep everyone safe and ultimately keep school open for learning.

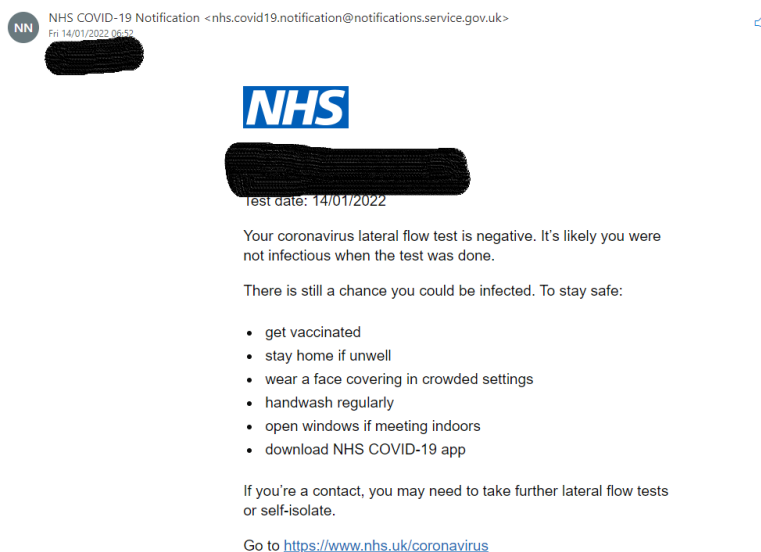
Please be assured that we share results of any positive cases with you as soon as we receive them. The additional testing is working as we are picking up asymptomatic pupils which is helping us to stop the spread and we, as a school, are very grateful for your continued support.

I do ask that you endeavour to send the results before 8.45 am to enable us to process them before the start of the school day. As you will appreciate it is quite a task collating so many results before the start of the school day.

When pupils attend school without the required results it means pupils have to enter our 'Isolation Area'. This means pupils are missing chunks of learning and staff are being pulled out of classes to supervise. I fully appreciate how busy mornings are for all families as they are here in school so once again your co-operation is much appreciated.

Covid-19- Important information

When sending in evidence of a Lateral Flow Test we require the NHS notification of result as shown below



You report your Lateral flow result at <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>

Please test each morning. Results must be emailed to school on head@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk and bursar@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk EACH morning for 7 days. Pupils cannot attend school without this information.

Pupils arriving without the results are having to sit within the isolation area which takes additional adult supervision and prevents pupils from accessing their learning. We really do appreciate your support.

We cannot accept photographs of the LFT device.

For those identified as direct contacts we will require results to be shared for 7 days.

Please inform us at school if your child(ren) or any household member tests positive for Covid-19 and we can provide advice.

Parents Calls – W/C 31.1.22

We are pleased to offer our Spring Parents calls and invite you to call school to book a slot for your child.

This is an invaluable opportunity to discuss your child's learning and progress as well as liaising with their Teachers. Dates of sessions offered are shown below.

	Class Teacher	Date of Parents calls
Class 1	Mrs. Williams	Wednesday 2 nd February
Class 2	Mrs. Sullivan	Monday 31 st January
Class 3	Mr. Catterall	Tuesday 1 st February
Class 4	Mr. Taylor	Thursday 3 rd February

Child Action North West CANW– Mental Health week - Colour day - Express yourself and Grow together !!! - 7.1.22

As you will be aware each Monday our Counsellor Leigh Roberston from CANW comes into school and is available for everyone for drop ins, focused support and to offer advice. Leigh would like to share some information about CANW themed day. We all know how important mental wellbeing is more so now than ever so we would love to be involved with CANW and support them on this day. Leigh shares below some information about the Mental Health Week.

Children's Mental Health Week 2022

- Children's Mental Health Week is taking place on 7-13 February 2022. This year's theme is growing together, children (and adults) are being encouraged to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow.*
- 1 in 6 children and young people have a diagnosable mental health problem, and many more struggle with challenges from bullying to bereavement*
- The week is an opportunity to shine a spotlight on children and young people's mental health. By getting involved, we will not only be raising important awareness, but also vital funds to ensure every child has easy access to mental health support.*

On Monday 7th of February I invite you to take part

- Wear your favourite colour!*
- Wear a colour to express how you feel!*
- Wear something that makes you feel happy!*

At several points in the day the children will all have a sing and a dance to S Club 7's hit "Reach For The Stars"

It's important to remember that being able to express yourself is not about being the best at something or putting on a performance for others. It is about finding a way to show who you are, and how you see the world, that can help you feel good about yourself.

· We are asking each child to make a contribution of £1, which will be donated to CANW to help provide mental health services for children and young people. Emotional Health and Wellbeing - CANW

· On the day, staff from CANW will be coming into school to take photos and film clips of the sing-a-long to promote the week on their website.

If you would prefer that your child isn't featured in these, please let your class teacher know.

Here are some colour ideas and facts.....

YELLOW COLOUR *Yellow is cheerful, sunny, and attracts attention. Wearing yellow is said to improve memory, give strength, and reinforces self-confidence.*

ORANGE COLOUR *people who wear orange are said to be hard working, creative, and full of energy.*

RED COLOUR *It is the most intense and emotional colour. The colour of love. Red expresses confidence:*

PINK COLOUR *people who are gentle and loving and who are full of compassion and understanding.*

VIOLET COLOUR *represents sophistication. It is a colour of royalty. Violet should be worn by people who want peace and tranquillity.*

BLUE COLOUR *It encourages decision making, brings understanding, wisdom, and strengthens self-confidence and a sense of responsibility to others.*

GREEN COLOUR *Green symbolizes nature. It is soothing and refreshing*

BROWN COLOUR *Brown is the colour of the earth; it means strength and reliability.*

BLACK COLOUR *Black is the colour of power and strength. It is elegant and timeless.*

I Look forward to seeing the colours of the Rainbow as you express yourself, Leigh Robertson

Breakfast and After School Club

We are pleased to be able to continue to offer our Breakfast and After School clubs each day. I know this is invaluable service for many families.

In order to book spaces we ask that families complete a booking form and send payment in at the time of booking. **We are only able to secure booking with payments.** We have limits on the maximum pupils that are able to attend due to staffing and ratios so please do complete the relevant forms well in advance.

Should you require a booking for either please do see Miss. Harrison and/ or Mrs. Lofthouse. Thank you for your ongoing support.

First Holy Communion

A letter has been sent to all Year 3 pupils with provisional dates and information as to the Holy Communion preparation cycle 2022.

If your child is in year 4 or above, a Baptised Catholic, has not yet made their Holy Communion and you would wish to for them to do so please ask and a copy of this information can be shared.

New uniform

We are now within the transitional period for our new uniform. All pupils are welcome to move to the new uniform now and will be required to wear the new uniform from September 2022. It is lovely to see so many people in our uniform already looking so smart.

The different uniform stockists will continue to provide an 'in school' uniform shop for sales, trying on, payment plans etc.

Bang Bang are also able to provide Our Lady's High School uniforms and payment plans as required.

RE HRSE scheme – Life to the full- Final Consultation reminder

Your child will have brought home a letter and Parental leaflet from Mrs. Williams our RE Coordinator in regard to our HRSE scheme 'Life to the full'. Copies of this letter along with a parental leaflet have also been shared on our school website. Families are invited to view materials and give feedback. Full details of this consultation opportunity can be found within the letter. Should you require any support please do contact Mrs. Williams on williams@lea-st-marys.lancs.sch.uk

Big School Adventures

Big School Adventures takes place 1.15 – 3.15 pm each week. Places are strictly limited and must be booked in advance.

Dates for your diary :

7.2.22 – CANW Mental health Day – Dress to express- Favourite colour £1.00 to CANW

Celebrations Awards

	Achievement Award Winner	'EAT' Award Winner Explore, Active, Think creatively	Welfare Award Winner
Class 1	Meredith Holmes	Ava Capper	Oliver Lawson
Class 2	Maxwell Houlding	Maisie Lawson	Jessica Simpson
Class 3	All Class 3	Georgia Purkis	Annie Nelson
Class 4	Luke Moyes	Byron Chambers	Maizie-lei Barton

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!”

