



# St. Mary's News

## 16th July 2021



### Important COVID Update

After a challenging couple of weeks that saw lots of our children (over 120) learning from home, we hope to welcome back our final bubble on Monday.

With only one week left until the end of term, we are keeping our fingers crossed that no further bubbles burst, as this will impact on everyone's summer holiday plans, and we are asking you to help us achieve this by not sending your child to school if they, or any other member of their immediate family, are displaying any signs of being unwell from a temperature to a cough, to a sore throat to a headache, to stomach ache, diarrhoea or vomiting or if they are sneezing or have a runny nose (hay fever like symptoms). PLEASE ERR ON THE SIDE OF CAUTION AND GET YOUR CHILD TESTED. Lateral flow tests are readily available for all family members to use on a regular basis and it may be best to use these in order to keep everyone safe.

If we have a + case reported over the weekend, the bubble will burst and the children and their families will start the summer isolating. If the bubble was our Y6 bubble, we would be unable to say goodbye to our Y6's in the usual way.

If your child, or any other family member, are displaying symptoms they must take a PCR test and should not come into school until the result of the test is known. We have had a case where a lateral flow test was negative and a follow up PCR test was positive, so if in doubt please take a PCR. Children should also not come into school whilst awaiting the outcome of theirs or a family member's test.

Again, can we please ask that masks are worn when collecting your child: social distancing is maintained and only 1 adult enters the school site—EVEN AFTER THE 19th JULY - so we can all keep each other safe until we break up for Summer.



Many thanks for your continued support.

If your child tests + on a lateral flow test, please email school on [stmaryrcbp@sthelens.org.uk](mailto:stmaryrcbp@sthelens.org.uk) as soon as the + result is shown. If possible, please do not share the result on social media until school has had the opportunity to inform parents. School's emails are currently monitored regularly throughout the evening and weekend so that information can be sent to parents as quickly as possible.

If your child's bubble does burst, we will inform you as soon as we are made aware of a positive case. Home Learning for Day 1 can be accessed from the website under the Home Learning Tab—Day 1 Suggested Activities. Teachers will then spend day 1 setting up online learning activities for the remainder of the isolation period. All information regarding home learning timetables and live lessons will be shared with you via your child's home learning page.

CAN WE PLEASE ASK THAT WHEN HOME LEARNING PASSWORDS ARE SENT HOME THEY ARE KEPT IN A SAFE PLACE AS THESE PASSWORDS WILL BE WITH YOUR CHILD THROUGHOUT THEIR SCHOOL LIFE. IT TAKES TIME TO RE-ISSUE PASSWORDS AND YOUR CHILD WILL BE UNABLE TO ACCESS HOME LEARNING/ LIVE LESSONS WITHOUT THEM. THANK YOU 😊

If your child is asked to isolate, they should not attend out of school activities or clubs or visit friends and relatives. They should remain within their homes and gardens.

Test and Trace are advising close contacts of positive cases to take a lateral flow test at regular intervals in order to identify anyone who is asymptomatic. This will reduce the risk of further cases coming into school and will help to keep our families and staff safe.



## Organisation for the Rest of this Term and the New Academic Year

School will be continuing with its staggered starts and ends and current bubble system until the end of this academic year whilst infection rates are continuing to rise. **PLEASE NOTE THAT any positive cases will still lead to bubble closures until the new academic year. The relaxation of restrictions on Monday does not alter this.**

### New Academic Year (As guidance currently recommends—things may change)

In September, school will cease to use its current bubble system.

Children will return to sitting in groups rather than in forward facing rows.

Class resources will be shared amongst the children without the need to isolate or rotate them.

Y3—Y6 children can continue to bring in their own pencil cases—as in previous years.

Rec—Y2 children no longer need pencil cases. We will provide their equipment.

There will no longer be staggered starts and ends to the day.

Gates will open between 8.45am and 9.00am. They will be supervised by members of staff, as they have been over the last 12 months. Children can enter via any gate.

Anyone arriving after 9.00am will need to enter via the main entrance and will be marked late.

Having parents leave children at the school gates has worked really well over the last 12 months as it has enabled a smooth start to the day; has helped reduce congestion in the car park and has encouraged our children to become more independent. With this in mind, we are going to continue with this as the children have been happy leaving their adults at the gate and many enjoy greeting the staff and their friends as they walk to class.

Gates will open at 3.30pm for families to collect their children from their classroom doors.

Children not collected on time will be taken over to ABC and a charge will be made for them accessing the club.

Our new Reception children can be accompanied into school by **both parents** on their first day and by **one parent** for the rest of the half term. We are then hoping that they will feel confident enough to be left at the gate—but will monitor this closely before making any final decisions.

Children will be able to continue to wear their P.E. kits/tracksuits on their P.E. days (see P.E. information for further details).

As the hoodies have proven to be a popular addition to our school uniform, they can continue to be worn next year—either over cardigans and jumpers on very cold days or in place of cardigans and jumpers. If wearing a hoodie in place of a cardigan/jumper it should have the school badge on. As always, please make sure that all uniform is labelled.

### P.E. Kits/P.E. Days

KS2 children will continue to have P.E. on a Wednesday and Friday. The children can come to school in their P.E. kits or school tracksuits on these days. Please remember that it does need to be a school tracksuit as it is part of their uniform. School P.E. tops must be worn under the tracksuit.

KS1 children will continue to have P.E. on a Friday. The children can come to school in their P.E. kit or navy blue joggers and fleece. P.E. tops must be worn under fleeces. The fleeces/joggers can be bought from any local supermarket. Please ensure that fleeces/joggers are navy blue and not black or lighter blue as we are keen to maintain our very high uniform standards.

The children do not need pumps—but please buy Velcro trainers if the children cannot tie their own shoelaces. **Earrings are not permitted at any time.**



## Reception Party Day – Tuesday 20th July

To celebrate their Reception year, the children will be having a party day on Tuesday 20th July. Reception children are invited to come to school in their own clothes and bring along a favourite toy (nothing electrical please and nothing too precious in case it gets broken or lost).

The children will play party games, have a mini disco, enjoy a picnic lunch and spend time playing with their favourite toys! We kindly ask for a £1 contribution for party prizes. This can be paid via School Money.

Cook will provide a picnic lunch for everyone. If your child normally brings a packed lunch but would prefer to have a school picnic lunch, please let us know as soon as possible.



We are sure that the children will have a great time. Look out for photos of our party day on our class blog!

## Year 1 and Year 2 Animal Picnic and Afternoon of Fun Tuesday 20th July

This term Y1 and Y2 usually go on their annual school trip. Unfortunately, this year they are unable to do so. However, the staff would love to mark the end of the year with the children, by having an afternoon of fun. In Science in Y1 the children have been learning about animals and in previous years have visited Blackpool Zoo. In Y2, the children have been learning about the animals of Africa and the Polar Regions. With this in mind, the staff are asking the children to bring a favourite animal (of the furry, stuffed variety) into school for the day. Cook will provide a picnic lunch for everyone who wants one (not for the animals though—sorry) and the children will have animal antics and traditional party games during the afternoon.

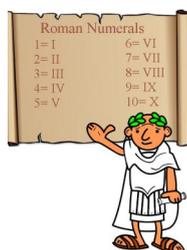


The children can come to school in their own clothes on this day—they can even come dressed as an animal or with their face painted as an animal!

We are asking for a small contribution of £2 per child towards the prizes for the party games. This can be paid via school money.

If the children would prefer to bring their own party-style packed lunch, please let school know by Fri 16th July so that cook can cater for the correct number of children.

We are sure that the children will have a lovely day and we will take lots of photographs to share with you on the class pages on the website.



## Rearranged Date for Y3/Y4 History Workshops

The Year 3 and 4 children will take part in two History workshops on Tuesday 20th July in place of a traditional school trip. Payment (£5) for the workshops can be made using School Money. Information was sent out via email. Can we ask that all outstanding payments are made by 3.30pm on Monday. Many thanks.



## Year 5 - Science Workshops

The Year 5 children will have the opportunity to take part in 3 Science Workshops on Tuesday 20th July—Crazy Chemistry, Show me the Lights and What on Earth is That! The workshops have been organised in the place of the children going out on a school trip. An information letter has already been sent home with the children. Payment (£10) can be paid via the School Money App. Can we ask that payments are made by 3.30pm on Monday. Thank you.





## Day of Sporting Fun



As we have been unable to hold our traditional Sports Day due to COVID restrictions, we have worked with our sporting providers, Sport4Kids, to organise a day of sporting fun for the children on Wednesday 21st July.

There are lots of exciting fun activities planned for the children to take part in and they will spend the whole day moving around a carousel of sporting activities/challenges.

We will take lots of photographs of the day and will upload them onto the website for you all to see.

All children will need to come to school in their PE kits on that day and if the sun is shining they will need a bottle of water, sun cream and a sun hat. If the weather is cooler or showery, the children will need to wear a fleece and should bring a shower proof jacket with them. The forecast is good so hopefully it will be sunshine, sun cream and sun hats all the way!

We are certain that the children will have a great time and we would like to say a big thank you to Sport4Kids for organising and running the day. We couldn't have done it without them.

## Dairy Dates for the remainder of term.

Other dates will be added when events are confirmed.

Monday 19th July	Y6 PGL Day Visit 2 Coach will leave club car park promptly at 7.30am and will arrive back by 7.30pm.
Tuesday 20th July	Y5 Science Workshops
Tuesday 20th JuEly	Y3 and Y4 History Workshop—new rearranged date
Tuesday 20th July	Reception Party Day
Tuesday 20th July	Y1 and Y2 Animal Picnic and Afternoon of Fun
Wednesday 21st July	Day of Sporting Fun—see above for details.
Friday 23rd July	Everything crossed ! This will be our Leavers' Assembly Celebration. 2pm Further details will follow on Monday. We don't want to tempt fate :) A maximum of 2 adults per child will be permitted to attend.
Friday 23rd July	Finish for the Summer. We will close at the normal time of 3.30pm. There will be no ABC on this evening.
Mon 26th July - 3 weeks	Holiday Club 8am - 6pm

## A Thought for the Weekend

Friendship isn't about who you have known the longest.

It's about who walked into your life, said I'M HERE FOR YOU

And then proved it.



**FRIENDS**

**MAKE NEW FRIENDS**





# Our Celebration Page



**Bucket Fillers** (Bucket fillers are children who fill other people's buckets with kind words and deeds. They are shining examples to others around them.)



Mrs Naylor has chosen Y6 as her Bucket Fillers this week as she said that she was so proud of them all at PGL yesterday. The children showed courage and determination when completing activities that challenged them; worked so well as a group to solve problems and encouraged each other throughout the day. Well done Y6, we are so glad that you had to chance to experience PGL. We hope that you enjoy day 2 too!



## Good Work Stars

A huge well done to the following children who have all been recognised for their super work week.

Rec	Jax - designing and creating a floating pirate ship.
Year 1	Learning from Home
Year 2	Sam - excellent Judaism work
Year 3	Luca - super sorting of light sources
Year 4	Liam—great perspective drawing
Year 5	Learning from Home
Year 6	Elizabeth—being a Super Star at PGL

## ABC Star of the Week

A big shout out to Penny from Y2 for being chosen as ABC's Star of the Week. Staff say that Penny is a lovely little girl and it is a pleasure to have her in club. She is so well behaved and is an excellent role model.



## Class Attendances for the Week

Reception	97.95%
Year 1	Learning from home
Year 2	92.12%
Year 3	95.11%
Year 4	Learning from home
Year 5	Learning from home
Year 6	95.42%

Well done to Reception for their excellent attendance



## Star Pupil Award



<b>Matthew</b> House Winner	<b>Mark</b> House Winner	<b>Luke</b> House Winner	<b>John</b> House Winner	<b>Overall</b> Star Pupil
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Rec	Ellis	James	Mika	Isla	Ellis
Year 1	The whole class for a fantastic week of home learning				
Year 2	Scarlett	Amelia	Freddie	Sam	Scarlett
Year 3	Michael	Malachy	Freddi	Jessica	Malachy
Year 4	The whole class for a fantastic week of home learning				
Year 5	The whole class for a fantastic week of home learning				
Year 6	The WHOLE CLASS for being fantastic at PGL				

A big well done to our star pupils. Remember to return your trophy on Monday. Thank you