



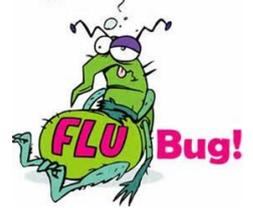
St. Mary's News

11th September 2020



Flu Vaccinations

Squash that



All children have been given a white envelope to bring home with them tonight. Inside the envelope is a flu vaccination letter and consent form. The consent form must be completed and returned to school by Wednesday 16th September (in the envelope please) to ensure that your child receives the vaccination. The consent forms will then be collected by the school's nursing service.

If you decide that you do not want to vaccinate your child against flu, please return the consent form giving your reason—as this will help the team to plan and improve the service.

Our Rec-Y6 children are due to have their flu spray on Friday October 9th

Home Reading Books



Following a book audit, we are still extremely short of home reading books. Not all of the missing books are from lockdown, some were allocated in the weeks before school closed. Not all missing books are home reading books—some are library books. The majority of the books will have a bar code and school stamp inside them.

If books are not returned, school will need to charge you for them in order for us to be able to replenish the stock. Charge notices will be sent out from Tuesday, so can you all please spend some time this weekend having a look for any of our school books.

Many thanks.

Advanced Notice



October half term Holiday Club

Our Sporting Partner Sports4Kids will run a holiday club over the October half term for parents needing child care. The club will run from 8am—6pm every day and will be held here, at St. Mary's.

As the club is being held at St. Mary's, the cost for our children is only £12.50 per day—which is a great price for a full day of fun activities.

Further information to follow.

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Parents' Evenings

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We are really reluctant to cancel our Autumn Parents' Evenings as we believe that after a long period of absence from school, it is vital that you, as parents, have the opportunity to discuss how your child has settled back into school life and for staff to share your children's strengths and areas for development with you.

Unfortunately, as things stand, we will be unable to hold face to face parents' meetings as parents are still being discouraged from entering the school site. With this in mind we are currently exploring the option of using Microsoft Teams to meet 'face to face' with parents and if this is not possible, telephone discussions will take place.

Parents' Evenings will take place on Wednesday October and Wednesday October between 3.45pm and 6.30pm.

Further details will follow.

TikTok

We have been asked to remind parents that primary school aged children are too young to access TikTok and that if the children are using the APP, their use should be monitored.



We have also been asked to let parents know that there has been a recent incident involving a video with graphic content being shared on the site. Although the original video has been taken down, users have been re-uploading it with some users hiding it in regular videos—cutting to the graphic video without warning.

First Holy Communion—Year 5



School and Father are currently arranging a date (it will be a Saturday towards the middle/end of October) for our Year 5 children to celebrate their Holy Communion. Although we are awaiting confirmation of the date, the arrangements will be as follows. The children will make their Holy Communion in 2 separate groups. One Mass will possibly be at 9.00am and one at 11.00am. Families will be allocated a bench each, with one bench being left clear in between each family. Every child is able to bring a maximum of 5 family members with them. There will be no exceptions to this rule. All adults **MUST** wear a mask (unless exempt). Children do not need to wear masks. Unfortunately due to the restrictions in place, there will be no choir present—CD music will be played and the children will be unable to have their traditional 'party' afterwards.

School will organise to have a class cake made and medals and certificates will be presented to the children in class. A £3.00 donation per child would be appreciated in order to help us with these purchases. Money can be sent into school in a named envelope, which we will store in the school safe before using. Further details will be shared once everything is confirmed.

First Holy Communion—Year 4

The First Holy Communion preparation for our Y4 children will start after the October half-term. Father will write to all of our Year 4 parents very shortly with further details.

Twitter



We will soon be launching our own Twitter account as a means of celebrating the children's work, achievements and experiences in school. If you **do not** wish for your child's photograph to appear on the tweets, please send an email into school by Friday 18th September to let school know. More information can be found on your child's class blog. Follow us @StMarysrcbp

A Thought to End the Week



Life and Time are the world's best teachers. Life teaches us to make good use of Time and Time teaches us the value of Life.

