



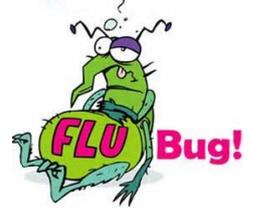
St. Mary's News

18th September 2020



Flu Vaccinations—Reminder

Squash that



All vaccination consent forms should have been returned to school by now. If you have yet to return your form, can you please ensure that they are sent into school on Monday, so that they are ready for collection by the school's nursing team.

As we get closer to the date below, can we please ask that you talk to the children about receiving the flu spray. The nursing team will look very different this year, as they will be in full PPE. We will talk to the children too (on the day before the spray is administered) and we will show them a photograph of the team with and without PPE on.

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

Home Reading Books



Thank you very much for taking the time to seek out our missing home reading books and library books.

We do still have a few books outstanding and if your child's book is one of them, a note of the book title will be put in your child's home reading record or diary to help you with your searching.



Parents' Evenings

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 14th October and Wednesday 21st October between 3.45pm and 6.30pm. Further details will be available very soon.

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.

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 Monday 21st September to let school know. More information can be found on your child's class blog. Follow us @StMarysrcbp

Wearing Masks/Face Coverings

Many thanks to you all for responding so positively to the announcement that masks/face coverings should be worn during drop off and collection times.

In line with government guidance, staff currently do not need to wear face coverings due to systems of control that are currently in place in school. This is because face coverings can have a negative impact upon teaching and learning, as they hinder communication and they can also possibly lead to our children feeling more anxious. We are trying to make school as 'normal' as possible for the children. (Further details of these controls can be found in the school's risk assessment under the Coronavirus tab on the website.)

Staff at the school gates are not wearing face coverings so that they are able to greet the children with a friendly smile every morning. Staff at the gates will stand clear of the pathways to ensure that you have a safe entry and exit onto the school site.

Drop off/Collection Reminders

- Please use your allocated gate for entering and exiting the school site.
- Please collect your youngest child first and ensure that they stay by your side whilst collecting your other children.
- Please do not allow your children to play on the equipment as they exit school or whilst they wait to collect their siblings.



First Holy Communion—Year 5

Father has now confirmed the date as Saturday 10th October. Two masses will be celebrated on the day at 9.00am and 11.00am.

Families will be allocated one 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 also be unable to have their traditional 'party' afterwards.

School will organise to have a class cake made, which will be shared in class on the following Monday, and medals and certificates will be presented to the children at the end of each mass. Father is happy for photographs to be taken during the presentation of the medals and certificates and the children will be able to stand together on the altar for a small group photograph at the end of mass.

A £3.00 donation per child would be really 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.



A
Thought to
End the Week

Don't count the days
Make the days count





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 Hymers has nominated Lyla (Y1) as her bucket filler. She says that it has been lovely to see Lyla's happy face coming into school and Mrs Hymers is loving her morning chats with Lyla. Keep smiling Lyla. :)

Mrs Naylor has nominated Oliver B (Y6) as her bucket filler. She said that Oliver shows impeccable manners when asking for help in class. Well done Oliver.

Congratulations to our first two bucket fillers of the year.



Good Work Stars

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

Rec	Daisy - for a beautiful drawing
Year 1	Delilah - for her wonderful writing
Year 2	Jude - for super Geography work
Year 3	Alice - for her great instructional writing
Year 4	Sophie - persevering with problem solving
Year 5	Gabriella - for her impressive Numeracy work
Year 6	Lexie - for her fantastic digitally altered portrait work

Class Attendances for the Week

Reception	98.77%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	99.26%
Year 3	91.48%
Year 4	99.18%
Year 5	94.44%
Year 6	97.41%

House Points/Star Pupil Award



For 2020/2021 we are changing our House Point Awards to Star Pupil Awards.

Star Pupil Awards will be presented in every class on a weekly basis. All children have been put in one of four houses—Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Every week a Star Pupil from each house will be chosen. These children will receive a sticker to celebrate their achievements. An overall class Star Pupil will then be chosen from these four children. Star Pupils from each class will receive a Star Pupil Trophy to take home on a Friday to show their families. The trophy must then be returned to school on the Monday so that it can be cleaned and left aside until the following Friday when it will be presented again. All winners, from every class, will be included in the weekly newsletter. Star Pupil Awards will begin as soon as the new trophies are delivered to school.

