



# St. Mary's News

## 2nd October 2020



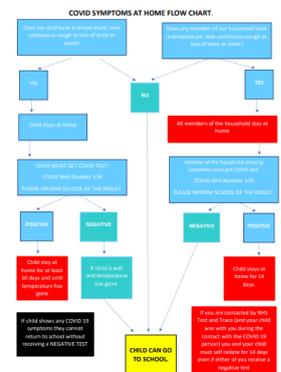
### Positive Case and a Reminder of Procedures

School had to unfortunately close its Y6 Bubble on Wednesday morning due to a child receiving a positive test result late on Tuesday evening. The decision was made to fully close the bubble in order to ensure (as far as is possible in the current climate) the safety and well-being of the other members of our school community.

In order to protect our school community further, can we please reiterate the importance of following national guidance when deciding whether or not it is appropriate for your child to attend school, as once the virus is in the school community the only way of controlling its spread is to shut down bubbles. This will impact significantly, not only on our children's, staff's and possibly a family member's health, but on their emotional well-being and their educational development as well.

There is a flow chart on the school's website (under the Coronavirus tab) that may clarify the guidance for you, but ultimately your child should **NOT** be sent into school if:

- a) **they have had a test and are awaiting results** (whether symptomatic or not)
- b) **a member of their immediate family has symptoms**
- c) **a member of their immediate family is awaiting test results.**

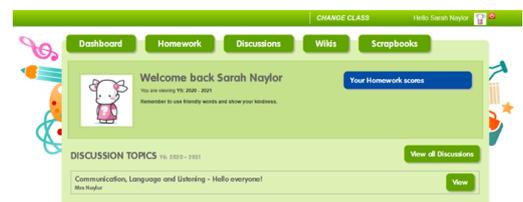


A child should not be sent into school until the outcome of testing is known. If your child, or an immediate family member, has taken a test can you please let school know. Can you also let school know the outcome of the test, as early as possible after receiving the result.

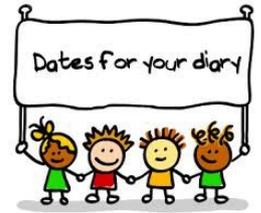
If a bubble does have to shut, siblings of children in the bubble must still attend school (unless there is a valid medical reason). Siblings only need to be kept at home if their brother or sister in the burst bubble starts to display symptoms. Our children have missed enough teaching time without being absent unnecessarily. If their bubble then bursts, it will lead to a further significant gap in their education.

### Home Learning

We are currently in the process of setting up a new home learning platform in order to enable our children to continue learning, even if their bubbles bursts or if they are absent for a reason linked to Covid-19. Year 6 will trial the new learning platform during their time away from school and their feedback will enable us to make any necessary 'tweaks'. The new learning platform is part of our existing school website. Every child will receive an individual login and this will enable them to access their own home learning page. Work set by staff will appear on the pages and any work completed can be uploaded back to the platform for their teacher to comment upon. A dialogue box can be found on the child's page so that the children or parents can communicate with the class teacher. A help sheet is currently being devised and next week our KS2 children will all be introduced to the new platform as part of their computing lessons. Although the new learning platform looks great—we are really hoping that we won't have to use it (much!).



It is very difficult to plan ahead with the current situation, but here are a few important dates/events for your diaries that we are able to confirm.



We are sadly unable to plan in any Christmas productions or celebrations at this moment in time, due to the whole school being unable to gather and due to families being unable to come into school. If this changes over the next few weeks we will, of course, let you know.

Friday October 9th 2020

Flu vaccination day. Consent forms must be returned by Tuesday 29th September.

Saturday October 10th 2020

First Holy Communion Year 5 children

Wednesday 14th October 2020

Parents' Evening 3.45pm — 6.30pm.

Wednesday 21st October 2020

Parents' Evening 3.45pm — 6.30pm.

Friday 23rd October 2020

Break up for October half-term

Monday 2nd November 2020

Children return to school

## Parents' Evenings Wed 14th and Wed 21st October



We had hoped to offer Parents' Evenings as a combination of face to face meetings—through TEAMS and phone calls home. However, due to staff absences and a couple of technical issues, we have decided that for these Parents' Evenings we will only use phone calls home. If you have any concerns about your child and would like to discuss these with your child's teacher, please email the school office with your favoured date (either the 14th or 21st) and a preferred time slot (3.50—4.20, 4.30—5.00, 5.10—5.40 or 5.50—6.30pm). Appointments will then be made and an email confirming the date and time will be sent to you. Year 6 parents have been sent details about arrangements for their Parents' Evenings. Staff will only be available on the dates given above and during the times stated.

## Y6 Admissions to High School

Reminder—closing date for applications to high school is October 31st. Most High Schools are uploading Virtual Tours of the school onto their website, whilst open evenings are not permitted.



You don't have to see the whole staircase in order to take the first step.



A Thought to End the Week

## New Reception Intake—September 2021

We would normally be welcoming new, prospective parents and families into our school at this time of year to show them all that St. Mary's has to offer. Unfortunately, we are unable to welcome visitors into school at this moment in time, but we are conscious that many families are starting to think about where their child should begin their educational journey. With this in mind, after half term, we will upload a PowerPoint onto the school website that will hopefully give our new parents a flavour of what life is like at St. Mary's. If you know of any parents who are considering St. Mary's, will you please let them know our plans.

New parents are also more than welcome to ring school to make an appointment to speak to Mrs Hymers on the telephone.

**Welcome to Reception**





# 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 Cotterill has chosen Luca as her bucket filler this week. She said that Luca always tries his very, very best and is a joy to teach. She also said that she can tell that Luca worked very hard, at home, during lockdown. Well done Luca. What a super star you are! You have a fantastic attitude towards learning.



## Good Work Stars



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

- Rec Eliza - labelling her picture independently
- Year 1 Lyla - excellent labelling of external body parts and facial features
- Year 2 Theo - lovely poetry work
- Year 3 Tristan - super mathematical problem solving
- Year 4 Jacob B - for excellent charcoal work
- Year 5 Joshua C - for his 'This is not a Rubber ..'

## Class Attendances for the Week

Reception	98.74%
Year 1	100%
Year 2	100%
Year 3	100%
Year 4	98.29%
Year 5	92.75%
Year 6	Bubble closed

## Star Pupil Award



Well done Y2 and Y6 on your fantastic attendance this week.



	Matthew House Winner	Mark House Winner	Luke House Winner	John House Winner	Overall Star Pupil
Rec	Thea	Emily Mc	Freddy	Noah	Noah
Year 1	Jude	Maddison-Lucy	George	Delilah	Maddison-Lucy
Year 2	Howie	Alfie Ba	Penny	Sophia	Howie
Year 3	Freddy S	Thomas	Niamh	Grace	Thomas
Year 4	Evan	Sonny	Adelaide	Isla	Sonny
Year 5	Reggie	Oliver	Gabriel	Joshua C	Gabriel

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

