

Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardian,

Learning and caring for each other



Welcome back... it really is lovely to see so many smiling faces and to hear laughter in the playground once again. Thank you for talking to your child and for preparing them so that they have been able to return to school with confidence and enthusiasm.

Thank you... We have enjoyed hearing about birthdays, baking, walks in fresh air, gardening, colouring, crafts, decorating bedrooms, new pets, zoom meetings. We have heard about home learning and every child has spoken with pride about their learning and how hard they have tried. THANK YOU!

We would like to keep school safe and to remain open to all children but we can only do this by working together. When you are dropping off and collecting please:

- Wear a face covering unless you are medically exempt.
- Arrive promptly and leave the school premises as quickly as possible.
- Socially distance at all times.

Thank you for working with us to keep everyone safe and well. Together we can avoid class bubbles closing.

Parent virtual meetings... Look out for an email letter from us next week offering the opportunity for you to meet virtually with your child's class teacher. If you think this would be helpful and you would like to have a brief chat about your child's remote learning achievements, how they have settled back into school life and to be able to ask any questions you may have please follow the link on the letter to book.

Park and Stride... Parking remains a concern on Broomfield Drive. Please could I remind you that 'Park and Stride' is the best way of dropping/collecting your child from school. If you park in St Mary's Church Hall car park it only takes a few minutes to walk to school and is much faster than parking on Broomfield Drive and struggling to turn and pass each other on the narrow road. It is also much safer and healthier for all our children. Please also respect our neighbours and do not park over drives or on double yellow lines.

WOW Walk to School... Is now back up and running. You child is able to earn points towards badges if they walk, cycle or use a scooter to get to school. So please walk, cycle or scoot to school if you can or park away and walk down Broomfield Drive to earn points towards a prestigious badge. We have also signed up to Sustrans Big Pedal which is a competition against other schools – if we get the most walks, cycles and scoots we WIN A PRIZE!

A space in classes... due to house moves we now have a few spaces in classes across our school. Word of mouth is the best advert so please let your friends know we have spaces and encourage them to join us. If they are interested please ask them to phone school on 0161 480 4736. Thank you to those who have added positive comments on social media sites.

Just a few reminders:

Emergency Contact Details and Medical Conditions ... If there have been any changes to medical needs or in your contact details (house move or mobile number change) please phone or email school and let Ms Evans or Mrs Edwards know as soon as possible. They will be needed in case of emergencies and will be held confidentially in the office.

Pupil Premium... if your income and circumstances have changed, please phone school and ask about additional funding to support your child's learning in school. Every penny helps!

School uniform... we have a wide range of uniform items, which are 'pre-loved' please ask if you would like some. By sharing and swapping, we are showing we care for each other.

Healthy Eating and Nut Free Zone... due to life threatening allergies we are a nut free zone. Please avoid 'red' labelled lunch items and if your child would like a snack at playtime, they are welcome to bring a piece of fruit.

Earrings and jewellery are not permitted... earrings can be a serious health and safety risk in the school environment. If your child has pierced ears, please leave earrings out, alternatively, please purchase clear, **plastic**, saver studs. These are cheap to purchase online, hypoallergenic and safer.

One final reminder about class teachers:

Red (Early Years)	Miss Hays
Orange (Year 1)	Mr Cooke
Yellow (Year 2)	Mrs Moran and Mrs Burns
Green (Year 3)	Mr Plewes
Blue (Year 4)	Mr Oldham
Indigo (Year 5)	Mrs Anstey/Mrs Abela
Violet (Year 6)	Mrs Grant/Mrs Moran
Sports Coach	Dan

As always, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself by phone or email if you would like to discuss anything, if you have any questions and if you have any ideas or suggestions to help us provide a better learning experience each day.

Best wishes, take care and stay safe,
Mrs E. Irvin and all the staff at St Mary's
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