

Newsletter

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Learning and caring for each other

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I can hardly believe we are nearly at the end of this half term! Since the last newsletter, we have all been busy, actively trying to keep each other safe during the coronavirus pandemic. Our sincere thanks go to you for working with us by asking questions when you have had them and for being especially mindful when your child has had health concern. We are all in this together and we are all looking after each other.

COVID safety... if a member of your household is unwell and you do decide that it is necessary to book a test, please let us know at school and note that all members of your household should isolate at home until your result has been received. If the result is negative, then your child may return to school. If however, the test result is positive, please inform school and your whole household must continue to isolate. Please could we also remind you to **socially distance when dropping off and when collecting** at the end of the day.

Our harvest festival... was different from the usual but it was still a meaningful way of showing our appreciation for all the food we have. Most of our children went to St Mary's Church where Rev Helen and Rev Liz led our thanksgiving service. Thank you to everyone who generously made a donation. These will be taken to Re:Dish and The Wellspring Kitchen.



School Lunches... our menu will be changing after the October half term. The new menu provides a greater variety of meal options and follows a two-week menu. Each meal is nutritionally balanced and provides a daily hot meal option throughout the colder winter months. Unfortunately, there has been a 5p increase in the cost of a meal but they still provide very good value at £2.15 per day.

Online Learning...We now have Google Classroom active for all classes and children are continuing to grow in confidence in using it. If in the event that your child needs to isolate or we need to close a class bubble, their learning will be provided via Google Classroom which can be accessed from home using a laptop, tablet or phone. You child will also continue to have reading books, CGP Books, their regular phonics, spellings and homework books. Our updated ICT User Agreement Booklet will also be with you this week. Please could you sign the consent form and return it to school via your child asap - THANK YOU!

Half term break...Friday 23rd October will be an INSET day so all our children will finish school for the half term holiday on Thursday 22nd October. School will re-open on Monday 2nd November and your child should start at their usual class time.

Earrings...for safety reasons our school policy states **no earrings to be worn for school**. Please ensure that your child does not wear earring or any other jewellery when they return after the holidays.

Parent Consultations...will take place in November. Although we are not able to open up our lovely school to everyone and invite you inside, it is still equally important for us to share your child's achievements and to let you know how you could help them with their learning. We aim to hold the meetings virtually using Goggle Classroom so you will still have a person appointment time. More information will follow after the holiday but until then, please continue to phone or email if you would like to speak to your child's class teacher about anything. We always say, better to ask than worry at home.

Wishing you continued good health in these very challenging and uncertain times.

Take care and stay safe,
Mrs Irvin and all the staff at St Mary's