

# Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Learning and caring for each other

Welcome back after your October half term break. During the holidays, there was a lot of activity in school as the new roofing work was completed and new carpets have been laid, replacing the older water damaged ones, plus repairs to the drains.

As we settle into the second national lock down this year, I would like to thank you for your continued understanding and care in keeping each other as healthy and safe as possible. By wearing a face covering if you feel more comfortable doing so, socially distancing when dropping off or collecting, as well as using our 'drop box' near the main entrance door we are all working together as a community.

**Google Classroom...** thank you to everyone who has familiarised themselves with our online learning platform. In school, all children have been learning how to access learning using Google Classroom using their own username and password. Each week class teachers will be uploading homework and spellings for you to see and encourage your child in their learning. Should your child need to isolate, Google Classroom will be the place to go for your child's home learning so that they do not fall behind whilst at home. **Your child's username and password is in the front of their reading record**, so please make a note of them and keep them to hand at home. There is also the facility to leave messages the for the class teacher. However, please do not expect an instant response because your child's teacher will be teaching in class during the school day. We aim to reply within 24 hours.

**School Uniform...** please get in touch if you would like any pre-loved uniform. Thanks to generous donations from our parents, we have most sizes and items available.

**Computer server replacement ...** our school servers are becoming very slow and tired and are being replaced. This means that on 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> of November we will have no access to our servers or internet whilst everything is being backed up and moved to the cloud. Please bare with us during this work because all email correspondence may not be received or is very likely to be delayed. Please do not send any urgent emails or confidential information electronically on 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> of November.

**Parent Consultations...** as mentioned in newsletter 3, these will take place at the end of November once our news servers are up and running.

**SEND Review meetings...** if your child is on our SEND Register, you will be receiving an invitation to a review meeting with Mrs Anstey in the near future. The meetings will be taking place virtually as with all our meetings in the current circumstances.

**Class newsletters ...** will be emailed to you later this week so please look out for them.

**Mrs Morrissey...** It is with great sadness that I write to say Mrs Morrissey will be leaving us and moving on to a new post at the end of this week. She has been a great support as a learning mentor and she will be missed by us all. We would like to wish her all the very best of health and happiness in her new role and I am sure you will agree that her new school is very fortunate to have her!

Wishing you continued good health as we continue to work together in the second national lockdown this year.

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